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Lightfoot campaign defended emails

Memos seeking volunteers now subject of watchdog investigations

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago Public Schools official informed Mayor Lori Lightfoot's campaign team that it can't recruit students for political work on campus or offer extra credit — hours before the mayor's campaign released a statement defending it as a "common practice" done for decades, emails obtained by the Chicago Tribune show.

Lightfoot's campaign emailed CPS teachers earlier this month asking them to help recruit students for her reelection campaign in exchange for class credit.

The Lightfoot campaign's effort to recruit students is under investigation by CPS Inspector General Will Fletcher and Chicago IG Deborah Witzburg. Lightfoot has apologized for the emails, calling them a "mistake" while downplaying them as an error in judgment by a staffer.

Records released to the Tribune show the principal at William Howard Taft High School received the email and forwarded it to a supervisor, who forwarded it to top administrators Jan. 11.

That afternoon, at 1 p.m., Chuck Swirsky, a senior adviser to CPS head Pedro Martinez, emailed the district's chief ethics adviser, Jennifer Chan, and others, "This has been resolved. They will stop."

At 3:16 p.m. Swirsky emailed Lightfoot campaign staffer Megan Crane to document their earlier discussion.

"Thanks for chatting before. Just to reiterate our phone conversation, no recruitment for interns or vols can be done on campus or by staff/teachers. We also can not provide any classroom credit," Swirsky said. "Any questions can be directed to me or Jennifer Chan, cc'd here. Thanks!"

Hours later, just before 6

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot and U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García take part in a forum alongside other mayoral candidates at Morningstar Auditorium in Chicago on Thursday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

ELECTION 2023 CHICAGO MAYOR

Crime takes center stage at city forum

Lightfoot interrupts opponents, moderator to defend mayoral record

By Alice Yin, Gregory Pratt and A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

An often-combative Mayor Lori Lightfoot once again took the offensive against her leading challengers, repeatedly interrupting rival candidates and even the moderator during a forum Thursday as she defended her mayoral record.

As it has during much of the mayoral election, crime became a main focus of the discussion as Lightfoot attempted to portray herself as the one person actually addressing the issue while her opponents were coming at the topic from different sides of the political spectrum.

Turning to U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García, a progressive from the Southwest Side, Lightfoot labeled him as a supporter of the defund the police movement, declaring: "This man is a (police) defunder, pure and simple. Don't let him fool you."

Then on the other side, speaking of former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, Lightfoot focused on Vallas' time as the city's budget director under former Mayor Richard M. Daley, saying, "This man has no plan to keep Chicago safe, and he's embellishing all the other parts of his so-called public safety bona fides."

She also slammed both Vallas and businessman Willie Wilson for seeking the endorsement of Chicago's Fraternal Order of Police, noting it is run by controversial President John Catanzara, who Lightfoot called "repugnant." Vallas received the FOP endorsement.

Then she later smirked when Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson said he's the only candidate who has presented a budget plan.

"You're not the only one who's actually passed a budget," Lightfoot said. "We do that every year."

At one point in the forum, hosted by WCPT 820-AM, Lightfoot tried to inject an attack on García's relationship with indicted former House Speaker Michael Madigan into the conversation about crime as host Joan Esposito tried to keep them on topic.

"Who's moderating here?" García asked, with a shrug.

"We love a spirited, passionate give-and-take," Esposito said. To which Johnson quipped, "especially between allies" in reference to Lightfoot and García.

WCPT divided its forum into two fields of candidates, with Lightfoot, García, Vallas, Johnson and Wilson participating in the first half. The second, which featured state Rep. Kambium

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The former Whole Foods store, now with a Save-A-Lot sign attached to the building's facade, at 63rd and Halsted streets in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood on Thursday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Some Englewood leaders don't like what's in store

Former Whole Foods will become Save-A-Lot, resulting in frustration: 'It's hard to accept this'

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

The former Whole Foods on 63rd Street and Halsted in Englewood, once heralded as the start of a new chapter for a neighborhood that has long struggled with access to high-quality fresh food, will now be a Save-A-Lot.

The store will be operated by Yellow Banana, a grocery company owned by the Cleveland-based investment firm 127 Wall Holdings LLC. Yellow Banana operates 38 Save-A-Lot grocery stores nationally, including a handful in the Chicago area.

Yellow Banana's lease on the former Whole Foods building began Jan. 1, co-founder Michael Nance told the Tribune. Nance said the company hopes to open the store in February but has not committed to a date. On Thursday, a Save-A-Lot sign was visible

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DA: Fired Memphis cops 'all responsible'

Police video of killing said to be 'appalling'; chief appeals for peace

By Adrian Sainz and Rebecca Reynolds
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.. — Five fired Memphis police officers were charged Thursday with second-degree murder and other crimes in the killing of Tyre Nichols, a Black motorist who died three days after a confrontation with the officers during a traffic stop.

A grand jury handed up indictments against Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills, Jr. and Justin Smith, Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy said during a news conference. The fired officers, who are all Black, each face charges of second-degree murder, aggravated assault, aggravated kidnapping, official misconduct and official oppression.

Mulroy said although the fired officers each played different roles in the killing of Nichols, "they are all responsible."

He said police video of the traffic stop, which Nichols' family and their lawyers say shows officers savagely beating the 29-year-old father and FedEx worker for three minutes, will be released to the public sometime Friday night.

Nichols' stepfather, Rodney Wells, told The Associated Press by phone that he and his wife, RowVaughn Wells, who is Nichols' mother, discussed the second-degree murder charges and are "fine with it." They had pushed for first-degree murder charges.

"There's other charges, so I'm all right with that," he said.

David Rausch, director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, said during the news conference that he saw the video and found it "absolutely appalling"

"Let me be clear: What happened here does not at all reflect proper policing. This was wrong. This was criminal," Rausch said.

Court records show that the

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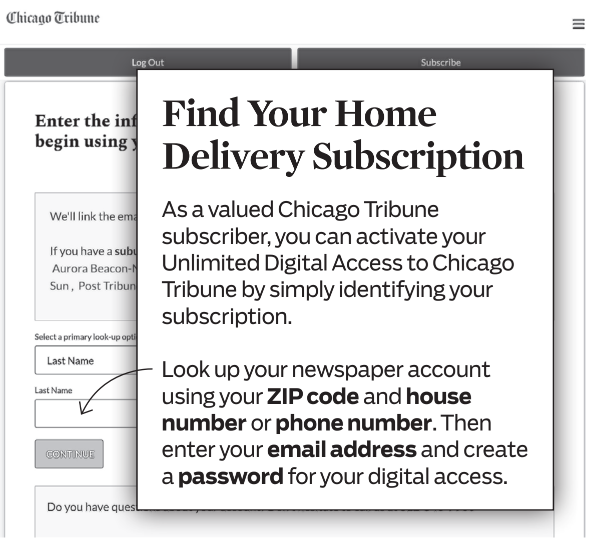

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Illinois AG makes argument in appeal of cashless bail ruling

By Madeline Buckley and Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office argued that nothing in the state constitution prevents a defendant from being released before trial without paying money as a form of bail. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Illinois attorney general's office on Thursday filed its initial argument in an appeal of a judge's ruling that a state law eliminating cash bail violates the Illinois Constitution, pushing back on assertions that the measure infringes on judicial power and other arguments made in a lawsuit filed by county prosecutors.

The brief marks the first step in determining whether the state can move forward with a plan to abolish the use of cash bail after a Kankakee County judge in late December ruled the measure violated the state constitution. Judge Thomas Cunnington's decision came just days before pretrial provisions, including the elimination of cash bail, in sweeping criminal justice legislation known as the SAFE-T Act were to take effect on New Year's Day.

Cunnington's ruling led to statewide confusion, with some county officials, mostly downstate, vowing to adhere to the cash bail system while Cook County officials said Cunnington's ruling was not binding, allowing them to proceed with the reforms.

The Illinois Supreme Court stepped in hours before the measures would take effect, halting implementation until the high court rules on the matter to "maintain consistent pretrial procedures throughout Illinois."

In its appeal, Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office argued that nothing in the state constitution prevents a defendant from being released before trial without paying money as a form of bail.

"The General Assembly has determined that conditioning pretrial release on payment 'does not accomplish the purpose of bail' and so has removed it as an option, while preserving other means of ensuring a defendant's appearance at trial," the AG's office wrote. "Nothing in the bail clause (of the state constitution) prohibits the General Assembly from making that decision."

Portions of Cunnington's ruling were "flawed for multiple reasons," the AG's office argued, writing that the legislature did not exceed its authority when setting guidelines for pretrial release.

"The legislature has for decades played a substantial role in determining how courts exercise that authority, including by withdrawing judicial discretion to impose certain sentences for certain crimes," the brief argued.

"And although courts possess inherent power to detain defendants pending trial, this Court has never held that the General Assembly unduly infringes upon that power by setting terms and conditions under which it can be exercised," the brief said.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit have until Feb. 17 to file a response. Oral arguments in the case may be heard in March, according to a briefing schedule.

Lawsuits were filed by dozens of Illinois state's attorneys who opposed the pretrial reform measures in the SAFE-T Act, which became political flashpoints in the 2022 elections. The lawsuits, consolidated in Kankakee County, argued that the elimination of cash bail violates the separation of powers clause of the constitution by allowing the General Assembly to take away the judiciary's ability to set bail.

Cunnington's ruling mostly sided with the plaintiffs, finding that the measure interferes with the duties of the judiciary.

The measure to eliminate cash bail was part of the SAFE-T Act's broader criminal justice reforms, which proponents say will address long-standing inequities in the state's justice system.

The provision on bail removes money as a factor when judges make decisions about whether a person charged with, but not yet convicted of, a crime should be released while awaiting trial. Judges would still be able to detain people deemed a danger to the public or a flight risk under guidelines set forth by the provision.

The law also outlines a new pretrial system in which defendants will appear for two hearings: an initial hearing, also known as a conditions hearing, and a detention hearing for those who prosecutors seek to detain a defendant, designed to provide a more comprehensive look at whether someone should be released or jailed pretrial.

In addition to arguing there's no requirement for monetary bail, Raoul's office pushed back on arguments from the plaintiffs that the pretrial provisions violate the rights of victims. The office said the SAFE-T Act's pretrial provisions protect victims' rights by having judges weigh the "nature and seriousness of the real and present threat to the safety of any person or persons that would be posed by the defendant's release."

The appeal also challenged Cunnington's assertion that the plaintiffs have the grounds to sue because the no-cash bail policy affects their rights. Instead, Roaul's office argued, the clause applies to defendants who are arrested and face pretrial detention.

"Plaintiffs, by contrast, would have the Court read the bail clause to confer some sort of entitlement on courts or law enforcement officers, under which such actors are constitutionally entitled to set or seek monetary bail," the appeal stated. "The text and structure of the bail clause demonstrate that it confers rights on criminal defendants, not on law enforcement officers or on courts."

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How high will the Fed take rates in 2023?

By Sabrina Karl

The Federal Reserve's first 2023 rate-setting meeting is coming up, and after 2022's historically fast rate increases, all eyes are on what they'll do this year. Will rates move higher still?

First, a recent history primer. At the pandemic's outset, the Fed dramatically dropped the federal funds rate to zero over the course of two emergency meetings, aiming to prevent a Covid-triggered financial crisis.

The federal funds rate is the interest rate that banks charge each other for overnight loans of their reserves, and where it has the biggest consumer impact is in deposit rates (savings, money market, and CD accounts) and short-term debt, like credit card rates. The federal funds rate does not directly influence mortgage rates, though there is some ripple effect.

Last March, the Fed began building the federal funds rate back up. They started with a quarter point hike, but as the threat of inflation became stronger, they ramped up their next hike to 50 basis points, and then followed that with four hikes of 75 basis points, followed by another 50-point hike in December.

As a result, we've witnessed the fastest rise in the fed rate in more than 40 years, with an increase of 4.25% over just 10 months. But where will they go from here?

While there is no crystal ball for predicting the Fed (they make each decision based on the latest economic data), it's strongly expected that 2023 will see minor additional movement upwards, but that 2022's fireworks are behind us.

Specifically, market forecasters currently predict we'll see a mild quarter-point increase on February 1 and another quarter point March 22, followed by a period of holding steady. After that, some predict the Fed will start lowering rates in late 2023, though rate predictions that far out are less reliable.

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Ex-wife of TV pitchman 'very scared' of him

Babenko tells judge Trudeau had gold bars in several places

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Trudeau

The ex-wife of TV pitchman Kevin Trudeau told a Chicago federal judge Thursday she saw him handling dozens of gold bars over the course of their marriage and that she's "scared" for her life now that he's turned against her.

Trudeau is fighting an attempt by federal regulators to have him thrown back in jail for allegedly lying about his assets in an attempt to avoid paying the whopping $37.6 million civil penalty he owes for lying about his controversial weight-loss book.

Nataliya Babenko told U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman that Trudeau had gold bars in a duffel bag when they were stopped by security at O'Hare International Airport years ago, kept stacks of gold bars in boxes in his closet at their Oak Brook mansion, and stashed more bars in a safe at his home office in Zurich.

"I feel like (handling gold bars) was almost like a theme for his life ... like smoking a cigar every day," Babenko testified during a hotly contested civil contempt hearing, where Gettleman is deciding whether to throw Trudeau back in jail.

Trudeau has claimed in sworn depositions that he gave gold to Babenko during their marriage, which was annulled last year. But when an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission asked her Thursday whether that happened, she answered in a flat tone, "Never."

She also denied Trudeau's claim that her father had threatened to kill him. "Never," she said. "This is outrageous."

At the end of her testimony, over the strenuous objections of Trudeau's attorneys, Babenko told the judge that facing her ex-husband in court was "excruciating" because of what he has put her through with his lies.

"So much abuse, so much oppression," she said, as Trudeau sat at a defense table, looking right at her. "I'm very scared for my life ... from the day he has thrown me into this false narrative.

Babenko is expected to give continued testimony via Zoom at a later date, when Trudeau's attorneys will get the opportunity to cross-examine her.

Trudeau, meanwhile, will remain free for now. After more than five hours of testimony and arguments, Gettleman ordered him back to court March 9 for an evidentiary hearing on other outstanding issues.

Babenko, who was born in Ukraine and now lives in Los Angeles, was a surprise witness in a seemingly never-ending legal drama that's been unfolding in Chicago's federal courthouse since 2004, when the FTC first filed suit against Trudeau over the outrageous claims he made about what was in his book, "The Weight Loss Cure 'They' Don't Want You to Know About."

More than 800,000 people bought the book that Trudeau claimed was filled with "easy" weight-loss techniques when it actually called for prescription injections of a hormone found only in pregnant women, a month of colon hydrotherapy and a 500-calorie-per-day diet.

In addition to the $37.6 million civil penalty, Trudeau was convicted by a jury in 2014 of criminal contempt for violating a consent order in which he promised to stop making the misleading ads touting the book. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Ronald Guzman, and was released from a minimum-security federal prison camp in Alabama in January.

Since his release, lawyers for the FTC have told Gettleman they believe the self-described infomercial king is still hiding potentially millions of dollars in assets overseas, and has failed to provide a detailed accounting of his assets, including any cash, gold bars, jewelry, vehicles and safe deposit boxes.

At a hearing in November, FTC attorney Jonathan Cohen revealed newly discovered emails that he said show Trudeau was seeking to ship and store 300 pounds of gold bars and other precious metals in Switzerland in 2013, the same time he was crying poor to the court.

Trudeau's attorney, Giel Stein, accused the FTC of jumping the gun, saying Trudeau "is acutely aware of the consequences here" and only wants to know how much he still owes so he can figure out how to begin repaying it.

Meanwhile, the FTC called Babenko on Thursday, to rebut some of Trudeau's claims in his recent deposition about what he knew about any gold bars.

Babenko recalled first seeing her husband with gold when they were stopped by Transportation Security Administration officers at O'Hare in the late 2000s. She said he also had gold bars with him when they took a later trip to Guatemala.

In 2010, she said, she and Trudeau went to a Northern Trust bank branch in downtown Chicago, where Trudeau opened up two safe-deposit boxes, one in his name and another, larger box in her name. She said he loaded the box with something in a private room outside her presence, then came and put the "full, heavy" box in the slot.

"I didn't know what it was for," she said. "I really didn't need a safe-deposit box."

Court records show Babenko filed for a marriage annulment in Los Angeles last year, which was granted late last year. The basis for the annulment, she testified Thursday, was "fraud" on the part of Trudeau.

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Residents dealing with fire aftermath

City records: The Kenwood high-rise building has history of fire-related code violations

By Adriana Perez
Chicago Tribune

A man examines an upper floor on Wednesday of the residential high-rise after a fire in Kenwood. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Carlon Brown lives on the 15th floor of the Kenwood high-rise where a fatal fire broke out Wednesday morning. Numerous residents, including Brown, have been displaced from the building — which has a history of fire-related code violations, according to city records.

Brown said she hasn't been allowed to return to her apartment — which is across the hall from where the fire is believed to have started — since the fire was put out around noon Wednesday after she rushed home from work.

"I'm sure it's quite extensive damage to the place," she said. "So I'm just trying to figure out what to do."

She had come back again Thursday morning with her daughter to see if she could go up to her place, but was told she couldn't. Crews came in and out of the building as a group of Red Cross volunteers brought in doughnuts and coffee for displaced residents.

The fire killed one person and injured at least nine others, including a firefighter who suffered an orthopedic injury. It took approximately 300 firefighters and 80 pieces of equipment to put out the fire in just under two hours.

The person who died hadn't been identified as of Thursday afternoon, but it was determined they died of thermal and inhalation injuries, according to information by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The building, a co-op at 4850 S. Lake Park Ave., has been cited for fire-related code violations at least 11 times since October 2021, according to Department of Buildings records. The Harper Square Housing Corp., which owns the building, refused to comment when reached by the Tribune Thursday.

According to city records, the 25-story building, which was built in 1970, was informed at least four times in 2022 to "provide for an annual fire alarm/voice communication system test," after failing building inspections. Other citations referred to missing fire tags on doors and a defective fire pump.

"I didn't know about that till I saw it on the news, you know, like everybody else," Brown said. "The floor that I'm on, it's not safe because there's no fire escape and it's only one way out. And then you know, just to see that I'm like, 'Oh, my God. That's a lot of violations.' And for this to happen — had I been at home, I wouldn't have been able to leave my apartment."

Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said that, as far as the department knows, the communications system and the fire pump, "worked well" the day of the fire. Firefighters used the building's communication system to alert residents to the fire.

City records also show that the high-rise failed multiple inspections in 2022, including one conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau on Dec. 1, 2022, when the building was cited for issues in its fire system. The inspection found only a minor problem with a fire pump but nothing that was considered a safety issue at the time.

Violations from Nov. 7, 2022 — which included violations for missing interior trash door tags, for the exterior masonry and for failing to file the required high-rise exterior wall report — were referred to the Department of Law, which filed an enforcement action in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The case is scheduled to be heard Feb. 2.

On Oct. 27, 2021, an inspection required the building to repair and maintain the automatic sprinkler system.

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Chicago State to explore adding a Division I football program

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Chicago State University is moving toward establishing a Division I football program, forming a university committee to assess the possibility of creating a team.

The school on Thursday announced the committee members at a news conference Thursday. They include former NFL players Howard Griffith, Vaughn Bryant, Tom Thayer and Otis Wilson, along with several Chicago high school football coaches, community leaders and school officials.

The committee should provide a recommendation on the speculative football program's future this spring, CSU athletic director Monique Carroll said.

"If that is favorable, we could be looking at Chicago's only Division I program, right here on the South Side," Carroll said. "We will potentially start football as early as fall 2025."

The university already has conducted a feasibility study on the prospect of the football program, and the exploratory committee is now the "next step," Carroll said. The committee also will consider adding new women's sports teams.

Various questions about the possible football program have yet to be answered. It is unclear how the team would be paid for or where it would play games.

But as football helmets with green Cougar decals sat before school officials, a marching band opened the news conference with brassy tunes and a muscled mascot danced, school leaders were clearly optimistic the program would become a reality.

"I think that the important work of the committee is to look and see what's the road map, what are the steps that need to happen," Carroll said. "Is it fall '24, '25, '26? To really come up with actionable items and timetables."

She also acknowledged the committee could determine that the program should not go forward.

The public university on the Far South Side is Illinois' only four-year university federally designated as predominantly Black. The school has at times struggled with high-profile lawsuits and low enrollment in the last decade, including enrolling just 86 freshmen in fall 2016. But freshmen and sophomore enrollment has grown sharply over the last year, Chicago State President Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott said.

Overall enrollment decreased 2.1% in 2022, with 2,296 students enrolled in the fall, according to a university news release.

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Robert Crimo Jr. leaves the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan following a hearing on Thursday. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Suspect's dad to be indicted soon

Crimo Jr. is the father of Highland Park shooter

By Clifford Ward
For The News-Sun

The father of accused Highland Park shooter Robert Crimo III appeared Thursday in court, where Lake County prosecutors said they expect a grand jury indictment in the coming weeks.

Judge George Strickland set a Feb. 16 date for Robert Crimo Jr.'s case. It is expected that he will be arraigned on that date. Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Facklam told the judge that unexpected office absences had delayed prosecutors from presenting the case to a grand jury.

Crimo Jr., 58, is charged with reckless conduct in connection with his son's alleged mass shooting at the July Fourth Highland Park parade in which seven people were killed and dozens injured.

The father, prosecutors alleged, acted recklessly when he vouched for his then-underage son in 2019 on state forms that allowed Crimo III to buy firearms.

In 2019, Crimo III had threatened his family and attempted suicide, authorities said, but was able to obtain his firearm owner's identification card because there were no arrest reports or other reports on file that raised red flags.

During the hearing Thursday, Strickland conferred with attorneys to ensure that all police reports and other potential evidence in the case is being shared with Crimo Jr.'s attorney George Gomez. Facklam told the judge that prosecutors were making all discovery in the son's case available to the father's attorneys.

Afterward, Gomez said he thought the charges against Crimo Jr. "might be an uphill battle for the state" but declined to elaborate or gave an update on his client.

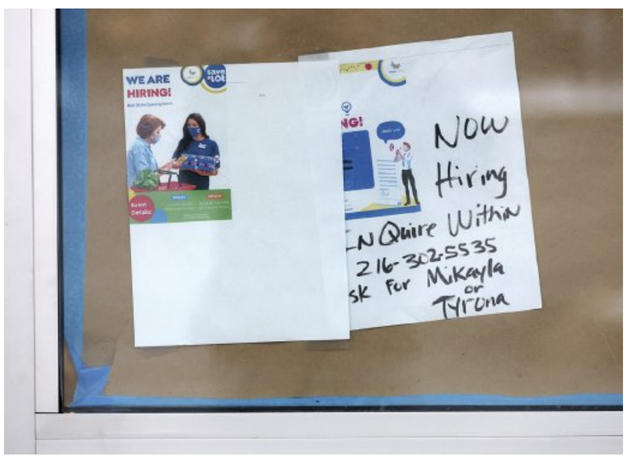
"He is going through the process of coping with the situation," Gomez said. "As we stated before, he's been a little bit surprised about getting charged."

The attorney said Crimo Jr., who is free on bond, would continue to appear at his son's court hearings.

"He's 100% behind his son," Gomez said.

Crimo III is due back in court Tuesday for case management. He is facing seven counts of first-degree murder, among 117 felonies he was charged with after his arrest following the parade shooting.

Sekhema Williams, of Oak Lawn, pulls her cart through the parking lot after shopping at the Whole Foods in Englewood in 2022.



A sign advertising work opportunities at Save-A-Lot is posted on the front door at 63rd Street and Halsted in Englewood on Thursday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

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on the building.

Community leaders in Englewood, including Ald. Stephanie Coleman, whose 16th Ward includes the grocery store, expressed frustration that the former Whole Foods would be replaced by a grocery brand they said was known by many residents for poor quality food.

"My community does not want a Save-A-Lot grocery store," Coleman said.

"To go from such a full-scale grocery, a high, high market if you will, to the lowest, that sends a very mixed message to our community, quite frankly," she said. "We deserve quality, affordable fresh produce just as any other community in the city of Chicago."

Asiaha Butler, CEO of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood, or R.A.G.E., said residents who will be most affected by a grocery operator choice had been excluded from the decision-making process. She said some residents have explicitly said they did not want a Save-A-Lot to replace Whole Foods.

"It's hard to accept this when people have a history of knowing what Save-A-Lot has been in Black communities," Butler said. "You never hear about a Save-A-Lot in Lincoln Park, or downtown."

Developer Leon Walker of DL3 Realty said Thursday that Whole Foods had selected Yellow Banana as the sublessee of the Englewood store. Whole Foods did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Yellow Banana executives have previously acknowledged Save-A-Lot's poor reputation in Chicago. At a community meeting last summer, Nance said the company had "tarnished" its name in the city. On Thursday, he reiterated the company's commitment to improving the quality of its Save-A-Lot stores, such as by sourcing some products from wholesalers other than Save-A-Lot.

"If you go into our stores now, you can see organic spinach and similar products that we're really excited about," he said.

In a statement, Save-A-Lot CEO Leon Bergmann said the brand was proud to offer "high quality, affordable and fresh foods in neighborhoods all across the country," including "high quality produce and meat cut fresh daily."

"Our Retail Partners at Yellow Banana took on the Chicago stores with a vision for how the brand could better serve the community and are working to provide a refreshed and improved Save A Lot experience, including the remodel of stores and the development of new locations. We're excited to see the changes they are making to ensure neighbors can access and save money on fresh, quality foods they will feel good about feeding their families," Bergmann said.

Nance has previously said that 60% of the products at Yellow Banana-owned stores will be sourced from Save-A-Lot; on Thursday, he declined to say whether that percentage would also apply to the Englewood store.

The Englewood store will also have a bakery, a hot food bar and a coffee bar, Nance said. He said the company was committed to bringing in local operators for those amenities.

Last summer, Yellow Banana was awarded $13.5 million in city tax increment money to reopen an Auburn Gresham Save-A-Lot shuttered in 2020 and to renovate five other Save-A-Lots it already operates on the city's South and West sides. The City Council cleared the funding in November.

Nance said Thursday the transaction for the funding had not yet closed but that renovations would begin "reasonably soon" after it does. Yellow Banana had initially said the Auburn Gresham store could reopen by the end of 2022; Nance said the company now hopes to reopen that store toward the end of the first quarter or beginning of the second quarter of 2023.

The sale agreement between the city and developer DL3 Realty requires a full-service grocery store to operate in the Englewood Square development, where Whole Foods was the anchor tenant, until November 2027. The agreement requires a new grocery store to be up and running within 18 months of Whole Foods' closure.

In 2020, Save-A-Lot announced plans to sell off its corporate-owned retail stores in order to focus on wholesaling; as of last summer, the company owned and operated 18 out of more than 850 stores nationwide.

Whole Foods' 2016 opening in Englewood, supported by $10.7 million in city funding, was heralded as the start of a new chapter for a neighborhood that had long struggled with disinvestment and access to healthy food. Whole Foods announced it would close last spring at the same time it announced the closure of a store near DePaul University — and the same week it opened a nearly 66,000-square-foot store in the Near North neighborhood.

The Englewood Whole Foods closed in November. Shoppers who cruised the aisles during the store's shutdown sale mourned its departure.

"It seems like every time we get something good in our neighborhood, something happens to take it away," one grocery shopper told the Tribune at the time.

Soon after the announcement of the store's closure, Mayor Lori Lightfoot blamed prices at Whole Foods for its demise.

"Most Chicagoans are hard-pressed to pay, for example, $15 a pound for a piece of steak," she said at the time. "We've got to make sure that we're making the investments that make sense for those neighborhoods."

Lightfoot's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Though some residents agreed Whole Foods wasn't accessible to all Englewood residents, many expressed hope that a new grocery store would be a middle-of-the-road operator. Last spring, Walker told the Tribune a new grocery store should be neither a gourmet option such as Whole Foods nor a deep discounter.

"We're looking for an operator in the middle," he told the Tribune at the time. On Thursday, he said he was "happy to see" what he described as a "blended concept" emerge in Englewood: one that could offer value but that he said would keep the look and feel of the former Whole Foods store.

Some Englewood residents are working on developing a community benefit agreement to bring to Yellow Banana, said Cecile DeMello, executive director of the nonprofit Teamwork Englewood. A community benefit agreement lays out benefits a company will provide to a community in exchange for its support.

"There's an opportunity to do very intentional work around local suppliers, local hiring and the inventory diversity," DeMello said.

Nance said Thursday the company "agreed to talk with the community" about what a community benefit agreement might look like.

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Mandatory music classes for students in extracurricular groups

Divided Naperville D203 Board votes to enforce new rule

By Joseph Ruzich
Naperville Sun

In a split vote, the Naperville District 203 School Board voted this week that only high school students taking music classes can participate in extracurricular music organizations or clubs, like marching band and chorale groups.

Despite opposition voiced by students and parents at Monday's meeting, the board voted 4-3 to implement the change recommended by administrators as a way to bring the district's music program into better alignment with state and national standards.

Some students will have the option of giving up half their lunch hour to take a music technique class if signing up for an elective class isn't an option.

Those who criticized the recommendation said it was another requirement placed on students who already have too much on their schedules.

Additionally, it would make students who enjoy being involved in extracurricular music activities either give them up or be forced to take music classes when other electives might be more beneficial to them for college or on college applications.

Chala Holland, assistant superintendent for administrative services, acknowledged the staff did receive negative feedback from some students but ultimately they believe the change will be beneficial for all.

"Our goal is for everyone to enjoy our extracurricular activities," Holland said. "(The new requirement) will help elevate the students who may need (more help) and also allow students who are further along to grow. We are responsible for the learning and growth of all students but we need the structure and space to have it grow."

Charles Cush, who joined fellow board members Joseph Kozminski and Donna Wandke in voting against the change, said he sided with the students who feel they are already taking too much on.

"We are telling someone who is already spending six to eight hours per week (in extracurricular music activities) that that is not enough? We are asking them to do a lot," he said.

Evan Lavoie, a freshman at Naperville Central High School, told the board it will be difficult for him to take a curriculum or lunchtime music class because of his schedule.

"It does not seem fair to hold students back from exploring other interests in order to take part in their favorite extracurricular," Lavoie said.

"The proposal also calls for taking technique class during our lunch period. (Lunch) is used for academic support or to retake a makeup test or simply for a short break."

Tyler Bresnick, a Naperville North senior, was one of the few students at the meeting who supported the proposal.

"As a student, I can't emphasize enough how critical these changes will be to our success in the program," Bresnick said. "In marching band, we waste valuable hours every week addressing music concerns when we only get a limited time at the stadium."

Joseph Ruzich is a freelance reporter for the Naperville Sun.

Tax evasion trial with ties to bribery probe gets underway for son of Acevedo

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

As the son of a longtime state lawmaker, Alex Acevedo was sophisticated enough to know that he had to report money he made from his brother's lobbying business on his tax returns but failed to do so out of greed, federal prosecutors told a jury Thursday.

"It was intentional all the way along," Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Chapman said during his opening statement in Acevedo's trial on charges of tax evasion, which has ties to the massive ComEd bribery probe involving ex-House Speaker Michael Madigan. "He knew he was getting the money, and he was spending the money."

Acevedo's lawyer, however, said the case was really just about a "common man" who was doing his best under the circumstances — not about politics or greed or his father, ex-state Rep. Edward Acevedo.

"This case has nothing to do with his dad," attorney Ricardo Meza told jurors in his opening remarks. "... It is about the common man who sometimes makes errors."

Then-aldermanic candidate Alex Acevedo speaks during a forum at St. Pius Parish in Chicago in 2019. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Acevedo, 37, a registered nurse who previously made failed election bids for Chicago alderman and to replace his father in the state legislature, is facing two counts of willfully filing false tax returns that underreported his income by about $70,000 in 2016 and 2018, resulting in a total tax loss of about $20,000.

All of the money came from Apex Strategy LLC, a lobbying and consulting firm formed by his brother, Michael, in 2015, according to prosecutors.

The trial, which began in U.S. District Judge Edmond Chang's courtroom Thursday afternoon, is expected to last about five days.

Though relatively minor in scope, the indictment against Acevedo, along with separate charges filed against his brother and their father, received widespread attention due to the connection to the ComEd probe.

Meza later alleged in court filings that it was clear investigators were after Madigan. During a proffer meeting between Alex Acevedo and prosecutors in February 2020, at least 75% of the questions asked by the government "pertained to Mr. Madigan and his associates," Meza wrote.

"However, when (Alex) Acevedo's truthful responses did not seem to align with what the government sought to hear, the IRS agent pivoted and began asking Mr. Acevedo questions about his 2016 and 2018 tax returns," Meza wrote in the motion.

According to prosecutors, Alex Acevedo did most of the work on several of Apex Strategy's contracts, including one with the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois trade association. But all of Acevedo's income was off the books, with no W-2 form issued and no other paperwork reporting it to the IRS.

"Apex was a virtual black box," Chapman said.

But Meza said Acevedo was simply waiting for the paperwork from his brother and was under pressure to file his returns on time and made a mistake.

He likened his "error" to the famous flub by Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner, who had a ground ball go through his legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, which was ultimately won by the New York Mets.

"We all make errors. Alex makes errors," Meza said.

Edward Acevedo, 59, pleaded guilty to skirting about $37,000 in taxes by misreporting lobbying income he'd received over three years. He was sentenced in March 2022 to six months in prison and was released in December, records show.

Michael Acevedo, 36, pleaded guilty in last month to failing to file tax returns documenting five years of revenues for the lobbying company he founded, Apex Strategies LLC. He's scheduled to be sentenced on March 15.

ComEd agreed in 2020 to pay a record $200 million fine as prosecutors unveiled a criminal complaint charging the company with a yearslong bribery scheme involving jobs, contracts and payments to Madigan allies. Under the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement with the government, the charges against the utility giant will be dropped next year if the company continues to cooperate.

In November 2020, Madigan's longtime confidant Michael McClain and three others were charged. They're scheduled to go on trial March 6.

Meanwhile, last year AT&T Illinois and the phone giant's former president, Paul La Schiazza, were charged in a similar scheme to funnel payments to Edward Acevedo in exchange for the speaker's help passing legislation important to the company.

La Schiazza, 65, has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, federal program bribery, and using a facility in interstate commerce to promote unlawful activity.

AT&T Illinois has entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office, admitting its role in the scheme and agreeing to pay $23 million and cooperate in the investigation. In exchange, prosecutors will drop criminal charges filed against the company in two years.

Madigan and McClain were both charged in a separate indictment in March 2022 with racketeering conspiracy alleging they participated in a range of corrupt schemes, including the ComEd and AT&T Illinois bribery.

The scandal helped end Madigan's reign as the nation's longest-serving speaker in January 2021. Madigan later resigned from the Illinois House and as Illinois Democratic Party chairman.

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MAYORAL FORUM

Chicago mayoral candidates Ald. Sophia King, from left, state Rep. Kam Buckner, Ald. Roderick Sawyer and Ja'Mal Green attend a mayoral forum at Morningstar Auditorium on Thursday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"Kam" Buckner, Ald. Sophia King, 4th, Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, and activist Ja'Mal Green, was far calmer.

All nine are running in the Feb. 28 election. If no candidate secures more than 50% of the vote, the top two vote-getters will face off in a runoff election on April 4.

During the first session, candidates debated the mayor's public safety plan and her hand-picked police Superintendent David Brown.

Lightfoot tried to turn the tables on crime, saying the city is succeeding in reducing street violence. Shootings and homicides are down year over year, Lightfoot said, though both categories are significantly up from when she took office in 2019.

"David Brown has been through hell and back as we all have," Lightfoot said. "He is, in this moment, leading our department and I stand by him."

She also turned to García and called him "the OG" of defunding police, a charge that drew a chuckle from García as he accused her of distorting his record. Earlier in the debate, he said that, "I have not supported any such movement" in reference to the activist calls in the wake of George Floyd's murder to reallocate law enforcement funding and spend it on other social services.

Johnson deflected a question about his support for taking money from police budgets and putting it into other programs by telling a story about other suburbs that have more robust plans for children.

"You can sign your child up in Oak Park for hula hoop class, just little white kids just walking in a circle," Johnson said. "But we can't invest in the children of the city of Chicago? Under my plan, we invest in people."

While discussing crime, Vallas invoked his history as Chicago's budget director and said his programs under Daley led to historic decreases in homicides.

"You had nothing to do with that," Lightfoot said.

For his part, Wilson reiterated that the Lightfoot administration has put too many constraints on Chicago cops and defended his comments that suspects fleeing police should be "hunted down like rabbits." While Wilson said he should have elaborated further, he noted that a son of his was murdered and is concerned about criminals not being held accountable.

"To be honest with you, look, you don't understand," Wilson said when asked to respond to the "rabbit" remark. "When you lose a 20-year-old son, get killed by gun violence, it's emotion. ... I am tired of people making excuses out here for these people committing crimes."

He also drew chuckles during one of his several vows to never raise taxes, saying, "I wouldn't support taxes on nobody. ... I'm sick and tired of taxes. And I can afford to pay them, but I'm sick and tired."

Near the end of the first half of the forum, the candidates were asked who they would vote for, if not themselves.

Lightfoot declined to answer and said she would vote for herself.

Garcia said he would vote for Buckner, who was participating in the second half of the forum, "since he isn't on this panel."

"If you were on the panel, who knows," Garcia joked.

Wilson too dropped a joke, answering the question with, "I would vote for myself and if I didn't vote for myself, I would create another name and vote for myself."

Johnson said he would vote for the people of Chicago, and Vallas quipped, "The only person that I would not vote for is Mayor Lori Lightfoot."

Lightfoot asked for more time and rebutted, "I've listened to Mr. Vallas many times. And what I feel like is I'm listening to a version of 'Extreme Makeover,' Paul Vallas edition, because he doesn't know the facts."

Vallas responded that the two of them participated in dozens of forums when both ran for mayor in 2019 and that she must not have been paying attention four years ago.

"You've sat beside me in 40 forums where we were running together, and the things that I said then are the same things I'm saying now," Vallas said. "You just haven't learned anything."

Johnson and Wilson shared a fist bump after a question on what each candidate admired about the person next to them, to which Johnson said, "I believe that Dr. Willie Wilson is one of the most sincere individuals in all of the city of Chicago."

Lightfoot, however, did not quite return the favor during her turn to compliment Johnson.

"He spins a good story," Lightfoot said. "You can tell that he was a preacher's son."

During the second half of the forum, the biggest divide among those four candidates came when Green spoke out against aldermanic prerogative, vowing to "amend" the practice in which aldermen retain an unspoken final say over projects in their ward. He also accused some City Council members of abusing it.

"What's been happening is in the city of Chicago is you have a lot of aldermen that are holding on to land," Green said. "And the reasons why, obviously we know, when we look at some of the indictments that are coming down."

King took umbrage to that comment, saying she doesn't "look good in orange or black and white" and decrying Green's "false narrative" as akin to Lightfoot's controversial inauguration speech in which she turned to City Council and implied they were corrupt.

"Without aldermanic prerogative, we would have had a casino right in the middle of Bronzeville, which was a nonstarter," King said. "My community did not want a casino. It was planned to be there, but because of aldermanic prerogative — or as I like to see it, the voice of the community who elected me — I chose to use that voice to fight."

Though Lightfoot was not on the stage, Buckner kept his sharpest comments for the incumbent mayor. When asked about a Tribune story that found her Invest South/West program was taking credit for projects started under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Buckner said, "I think the young kids call it swagger jacking."

Sawyer, who raised eyebrows when he, during the last debate, declined to commit to not raising taxes, said, "I stand by that," leading to Green ripping into him for what he said was leaving behind struggling Chicagoans.

In response, Sawyer attempted to water down his stance.

"I wasn't talking about raising taxes," he said. "I'm talking about a responsible tax plan. That's two different things."

When asked during the lightning round to say something nice about the Lightfoot administration, King hemmed and hawed as the crowd chortled.

"One nice thing?" King began. "I think that her heart is in the right place, I hope?" After King hesitated to say more, Esposito decided to wrap it up: "Just 15 seconds."

The forum took place on the same day early voting began in Chicago for the Feb. 28 election.

Voters can cast their ballots through Election Day at the city of Chicago's Super Site at 191 N. Clark St. and on the sixth floor of 69 W. Washington St. Those who applied to vote by mail will soon begin receiving their ballots in the mail, city election officials said.

Max Bever, a spokesman with the Chicago Board of Elections, said the board had received more than 180,000 applications to vote by mail so far, "which is the most amount of vote by mail applications the city's ever seen for a municipal election."

"A majority of those — nearly 120,000 — are Chicago voters that are now signed up for the permanent vote by mail roster, which has been a big success so far," Bever said.

In recent elections, Bever said, about 25% of voters have done so by mail, 25% have voted early in-person and about 50% cast their ballots on Election Day.

"So we're curious to see if those statistics hold up now for this municipal election, especially now that vote-by-mail has expanded greatly," Bever said. In addition to mayor, others vying for public office include members of the City Council and representatives on police district councils.

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Emails

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p.m., the Lightfoot campaign released a statement denying any wrongdoing and characterizing the email as a typical learning opportunity offered by campaigns.

Later, the team released an amended statement saying it would stop out of an "abundance of caution" and later released another statement saying that all campaign staff members "have been reminded about the solid wall that must exist between campaign and official activities and that contacts with any city of Chicago, or other sister agency employees, including CPS employees, even through publicly available sources is off limits. Period."

It's not clear why the Lightfoot campaign would defend the practice even after being told it was improper.

The Lightfoot campaign declined to address specific questions but released a statement: "As the Mayor has said, once she found out about the email recruitment on January 11th, she directed her staff to cease the efforts. Our campaign issued an updated press statement in order to clarify that we had taken her directive and halted the effort."

Lightfoot has worked to make amends for the scandal, but questions remain about her campaign's efforts to recruit students from educational institutions that she controls from City Hall.

Last August Lightfoot's campaign also contacted City Colleges of Chicago educators to recruit students. The City Colleges, which make up a city of Chicago sister agency controlled by the mayor, released a statement earlier this month saying it had told the Lightfoot campaign that they do not "coordinate with political campaigns."

City Colleges also said it notified "the campaign of CCC's ethics policy and purged the emails from CCC accounts."

Since then City Colleges has not addressed questions about why it "purged" the emails. A spokesperson said the Colleges' actions were in compliance with the Local Records Act but did not provide documentation the Tribune requested of the approval public agencies need to dispose of documents. The Colleges' inspector general's office did not respond to requests for comment on whether the agency is investigating.

At a news conference last week Lightfoot said she had no knowledge about the City Colleges statement.

"The City Colleges said they purged them? I don't know anything about that, and we have no written record of contact from City Colleges," Lightfoot said. "What I said, and I think I addressed this last week, is the same issue: It was a mistake for the campaign worker to reach out to City Colleges, just as it was a mistake to reach out to CPS."

Asked if City Colleges called the campaign in August, Lightfoot reiterated "it was a mistake for our campaign worker to reach out; we said that very clearly. I stepped out and I own that, and I don't have any further information at this time."

After the emails came to light this month, the union for City Colleges of Chicago faculty, the Cook County College Teachers Union, issued a statement expressing its disappointment over the emails, which it called a "flagrant ethics violation."

"For a mayor who promised to clean up corruption, these emails show an astonishing lack of judgment," said union President Tony Johnston said.

Many of Lightfoot's opponents in the Feb. 28 election — for which early voting started Thursday — also took the opportunity to blast the mayor and call for investigations.

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The nonalcoholic beer selection at Binny's Beverage Depot in Lincolnwood on Jan. 26, 2022. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Free nonalcoholic booze from egregious regulation

People observing "Dry January" voluntarily abstain from alcohol during the first month of the year. The practice has grown in popularity, and we suspect more than a few participants are counting down the days until February begins and the calendar becomes clear for resumed tippling.

Alas, the latest reports from the Party-Pooper File suggest that Americans would be better off if Dry January gave way to a "FebFast," and so on throughout the year.

The damaging effects of alcohol abuse are well established, from drunken driving and other reckless behavior to a frightening list of health problems. Some new research suggests, however, that even moderate social drinking can increase the risk of cancer and other serious diseases. A regular glass of red wine with dinner, long considered a toast to health and happiness, might do more harm than good. So much for the most enjoyable aspect of the Mediterranean diet.

Bureaucrats around the world are responding accordingly. In Canada, health officials this month decreed that no safe level of alcohol consumption exists. Bowing to reality in a country known for its whisky, wine and beer industries, the government stopped short of directing its citizens to go cold turkey. Those of legal drinking age with no special health risks can consume a maximum of two alcoholic drinks per week, Canada's new guidelines say, down from previous limits of 15 drinks a week for men and 10 for women.

Similar guidelines vary drastically from country to country. In many Muslim-majority countries, zero drinking is allowed, on pain of arrest, while boozy, beer-loving Belgium defines "hazardous drinking" as more than 21 drinks a week for men and 14 for women. In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults choose not to drink or limit their intake to two drinks per day for men and one for women on days when alcohol is consumed.

This page regularly objects when an overprotective government interferes with personal freedoms. People need to make their own choices, and not be guilt-tripped by a Nanny State for, say, eating a doughnut while idly watching TV. In the case of alcohol, mobbed-up bootleggers during Prohibition gave Chicago a reputation for lawlessness and public corruption that endures today.

This newspaper published 1,100 editorials against Prohibition, denouncing it as an unwarranted intrusion into peoples' lives.

When alcohol became legal again after Prohibition, federal, state and local governments strictly regulated its manufacture, distribution, marketing and retail sales. The rules developed over time into a protectionist thicket that raises costs and stifles competition. The pandemic gave the government another excuse to pile on, as when Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot pushed for a permanent curfew on alcohol sales after 10 p.m.

The antiquated regulations hinder entrepreneurship. Microbreweries and micro-distilleries that want to distribute and sell products that consumers eagerly want to buy, for instance, have faced confusing, outdated and counterproductive laws. A new generation of beer, wine and spirits containing little or no alcohol, while exempt from some of the measures covering alcoholic products, are still subject to a rule book seemingly designed to thwart free enterprise.

No-alcohol beer can't be called no-alcohol (as it contains traces) or beer (it's legally a malt beverage, or some other variation on that name). In Illinois, it's subject to the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act that protects exclusive distribution territories and other anti-competitive advantages for incumbent businesses. Meanwhile, in countries like the United Kingdom, drinks like Shandy with up to 0.5% alcoholic content have long been sold like soda.

Give us a break. Having declared even moderate consumption of alcohol a hazard, the government should be making it simple to market alcohol-free alternatives. At a minimum, nonalcoholic drinks should be freed from the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act; there is no logical reason for that regulation, except for lining the pockets of current players.

Encouraging low and zero-alcohol beverages is especially important given the official embrace of cannabis in Illinois and other states. It is truly bizarre for Illinois to send the message that the less you drink the better, but when it comes to weed, party on as much as you like, bud.

Fortunately, the marketplace is beginning to overcome the red tape, protectionism and confused messaging. Younger generations, especially, are embracing alcohol-free adult beverages, as well as "dry" bars and similar social scenes where there's no pressure to drink. And those beverages, we have found, are starting to taste better.

At the Winter Fancy Food Show this month, exhibitor Ranwei Chiang was showing off her "Abstinence" line of no-alcohol spirits and aperitifs. These are sophisticated distilled beverages with bitter and herbal notes for adult palates and, Chiang said, the market for them is booming along with social acceptance of abstaining. Her products "create the space for people who don't want to drink," she said. "Even if you do drink, you can opt out for a round, stop early or start late."

Making the rest of the year dry, or at least not as damp, has never been easier. Now we need the government to get out of the way and let the Ranwei Chiangs of the world do their healthy thing.

ABOUT MISSOURI'S ABORTION BAN

Among the problems with state abortion bans is that they are generally an expression of the religious convictions of the legislators who pass them. America isn't supposed to be a theocracy. But challenging such laws as violating the separation of church and state is difficult because proponents can just claim they were enacted for secular rather than religious reasons.

But leave it to Missouri's radical-right Legislature to say the quiet part out loud. Their strict new abortion ban plainly declares that lawmakers are serving "Almighty God." It was approved after floor debate that was equally proselytizing. Pro-choice faith leaders are now suing to overturn the law. They allege it violates Missouri's Constitution, which, like its federal counterpart, explicitly prohibits government promotion of religion. It's a strong case. ...

The counterargument that life begins at conception is primarily rooted in Christianity. Freedom to promote religious belief is a fundamental American right — unless the people doing it are acting in their official capacity as elected representatives.

With the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe in June, Missouri's draconian "trigger law," passed three years earlier, went into effect, outlawing all abortion except in medical emergencies. The Republicans who passed it didn't even bother to pretend it wasn't an expression of their Christian faith. "In recognition that Almighty God is the author of life ... " begins that section of the statute ...

And now the options of women throughout Missouri have been curtailed based on religious beliefs they don't necessarily share. Hopefully, the courts will take the separation of church and state more seriously than these lawmakers did.

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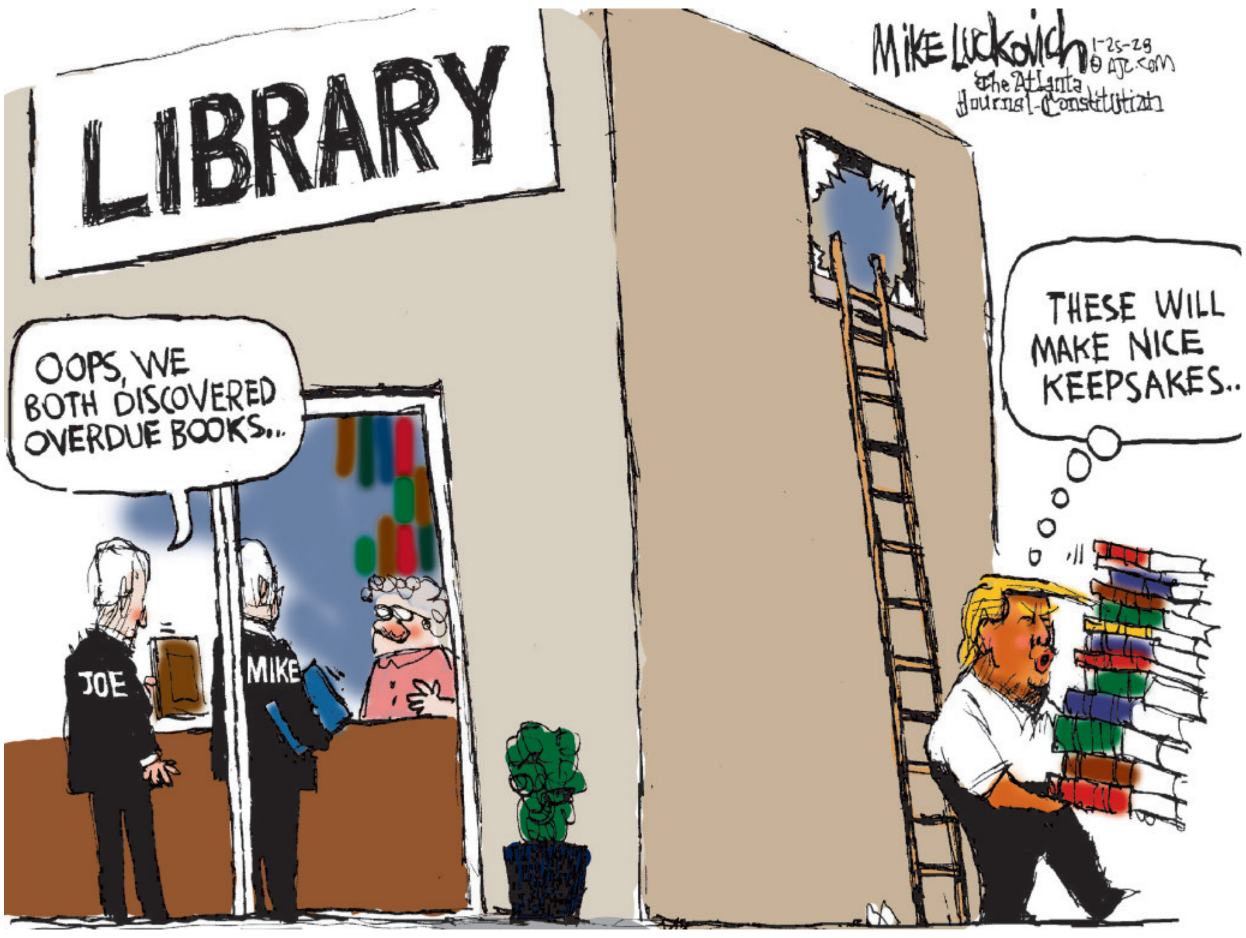
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A banner of Russian President Vladimir Putin is seen during a protest backing Burkina Faso's president, Capt. Ibrahim Traore, and demanding the departure of France's ambassador and military forces, in the capital of Ouagadougou on Jan. 20. **OLYMPIA DE MAISMONT/GETTY-AFP**

Why the Wagner Group's influence in West Africa is growing

By Elizabeth Shackelford

France has waged a counterterrorism campaign in the small West African country of Burkina Faso since 2018. But on Jan. 20, hundreds of protesters in the capital city of Ouagadougou waved Russian flags and demanded the French army's ouster. Days later, the country's military government told the French to leave within a month.

Burkina Faso is just the latest African country where the Wagner Group, a Kremlin-linked mercenary organization, has become the face of Russia's foreign policy. The organization began in 2014 aiding Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea, but its operations today span the globe. The Russian government denied its existence for years but has recently praised Wagner's essential role in its war in Ukraine.

Wagner largely does Russia's bidding but is motivated by profit. In Africa, it provides security services in exchange for money and access to mines. It uses propaganda to drive out Western influence so it can earn a quick buck without scrutiny, and a decade of failed Western counterterrorism campaigns gave it a lot of material to work with.

Wagner's return on investment is significant. In the Central African Republic, for example, it is set to secure nearly $1 billion in mining profits, which help pay for new weapons and fighters in Ukraine.

But the Wagner Group isn't bringing stability in Africa. With a track record of unfathomable cruelty, it will likely bring more suffering instead. The organization relishes in sharing torture on social media to help build its brutal brand — examples include torturing and beheading a prisoner in Syria, executing a Russian deserter by smashing his head with a hammer and skinning another prisoner recruit alive.

Wagner is directly implicated in civilian slaughter in Mali as well, but somehow Russia doesn't have a bad rap in West Africa just yet.

Today France is the face of heavily criticized Western intervention in the region, but the West's counterterrorism efforts there began with the United States after the Sept. 11 attacks. The United States wasn't acting against a specific threat, but rather to President George W. Bush's vague idea that the U.S. military must be ready to "strike at a moment's notice in any dark corner of the world."

Efforts aimed to prevent wars where conflict didn't exist yet instead seemed to fuel future instability.

When the United States began operations in Burkina Faso in 2009, the country was relatively stable and at peace. The United States poured millions into the country's armed forces each year, providing weapons and training that beefed up the power of its military class.

Accountability wasn't a priority, so the U.S. government took little effort to measure the impact of its support. As its military grew stronger, the government grew more corrupt, and little was done to alleviate the suffering of its people as resources diminished and poverty increased.

When violence spilled over from neighboring Mali in 2016, the government responded with ruthless counterinsurgency tactics targeting the Fulani ethnic minority. This helped drive local recruitment to the insurgency, turning a border problem into a homegrown one.

In 2021, Burkina Faso's security services were responsible for nearly half the people killed in conflict that year. The United States and France responded with programs to improve the justice system and provide human rights training, but it all looked like window dressing on a system embedded with impunity. The people had grown so tired of the violence and the government's inept response that many welcomed military coups the following year, coups led by U.S.-trained officers.

By the time Western partners soured on Burkina Faso's government and began restricting assistance, it was too late to shape its path. When the military government looked elsewhere for support, Wagner was ready.

Wagner's crimes will be far worse than the West's ineptitude, and it will likely only enhance the cruelty of state security forces. But undemocratic leaders will welcome its help maintaining their grip on power, and Wagner will supply it as long as it's paid.

The West should play the long game. The United States should continue humanitarian and other nonmilitary support aimed at improving lives in countries where military cooperation is no longer possible. It can take the lead in enhancing cooperation with like-minded regional partners, like the Economic Community of West African States, which has taken a communal approach to pressing for greater stability and democracy in the region.

Western countries should also use national and international tools to hinder Wagner's growing global abuse. The U.S. Treasury Department's recent decision to designate Wagner a transnational criminal organization is a good step. Wagner's illegal economic exploits enable its terror. International policing cooperation can help impede it.

There are no quick fixes. Western countries are right to end support for abusive and unconstitutional military regimes. Continuing counterproductive campaigns wouldn't improve security or squeeze out Russian influence.

We must stop overlooking abuse and ensure that our assistance doesn't entrench bad actors and undermine human rights, or we will lose what influence we still have in the rest of the region too.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

To my friend (and yours)

"He was fussy when it came to words which he buffed and buffed again, and afterward refined. Meaning mattered. … He thought the best of people until he could no longer. (He) was the kind of man you like to believe exists and rarely meet."

That's from a biography of Samuel Adams. It sounds like Adams and Lin Brehmer were cut from the same cloth. If that cloth were a Rolling Stones T-shirt with a mustard stain on the front.

I was Lin's producer at WXRT-FM 93.1 for 10 years and producer of "Lin's Bin," his on-air essays, for more than 20 years. The brilliance of "Lin's Bin" was that Lin could make us laugh. In answering, "What's the secret to life?" he wrote: "Buy. Bigger. Pants."

He could make us cry: "Time is a reservoir whose leak becomes a trickle, a rivulet, a rushing torrent. Where does the time go and why so much faster than before? We tell our children, 'Don't be in such a hurry to grow up,' and then we forget to slow down."

And, on the anniversary of 9/11, he could wipe away our tears and remind us that we are never truly alone: "We don't need to ask if you remember where you were because on that day, we were all together. We were listening to the radio or watching television or we were awakened by a phone call. We were lightning rods where the thunder struck."

Lin once said, "You talk about what your religious faith is supposed to do for you and what a minister or a rabbi is supposed to do for you, providing you with counsel and wisdom and sustenance and support — sometimes the quickest avenue to all of those things is a song that you love."

Lin will forever be just that. A song that reminds us of raucous road trips and "Highway to Hell" blasting out of the speakers. A song that celebrates us in victory and soothes us in despair. A song that holds us when we're weary and feeling small.

A song.

He will always be a song that we love.

Lin Brehmer. My friend. And yours. He was the kind of man you like to believe exists and rarely meet.

— Pete Crozier, Columbus, Ohio

We get but one ride

I have truly enjoyed reading all that has been written about Lin Brehmer over the last few days. I, too, remember listening to his program for many years. It is obvious that he enjoyed the life he led.

Maybe all that has been said of Brehmer's life will help us accept the reality that we get but one ride on life's merry-go-round. There is no brass ring to snag to get you another. So enjoy that ride to the fullest. Put your all into it so that when the ride begins to slow down to its inevitable finish, you will feel a joy of accomplishment and satisfaction.

What could be better?

— Richard Dreger, Batavia

Right to have an abortion

I proclaim, "Hooray for abortion," in the same sense I proclaim, "Hooray for brain surgery, hooray for cancer cures and hooray for heart transplants." Whatever improves the health of people is their business. I would no more restrict their efforts to securing better health and life options than I would allow them to restrict mine.

Alas, the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which established the constitutionality of abortion and ended many years of cruel state and federal restrictions, is one of sorrow and resolve. Last year, the Supreme Court essentially ended legal abortion for millions of women in at least 25 states.

Women with means will still be able get their reproductive services in progressive states like Illinois, albeit at unnecessary cost, time and mental anguish. But millions of women with little or no means face a daunting challenge to receive what they should with ease from local medical facilities. They must run a cruel gantlet of shame, poverty, job loss, even loss of life, trying to obtain a basic human right.

I'm not trying to convert any anti-abortion rights people to applaud abortion. I simply encourage them to not ever have one if they find themselves pregnant, counsel their loved ones to do the same and then get out of the way if rebuffed. Doing anything to degrade the constitutional right to privacy, which one day will be reinstated, inflicts untold pain on the have-nots in desperate straits and earns my fervent opposition.

Let's resolve to regain this basic human right in all 50 states and around the world.

— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

Help for pregnant women

Having noted the coverage of the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision and its recent change before the high court, I wish to simply share the good news that there are many, many good people and agencies committed to give any and all women facing an unexpected pregnancy the help they need to give life to the baby in their womb.

Whether the child is brought up by the woman or put up for adoption, there is help. There are people and agencies committed to that woman and child beyond the birth of the child. Some that I have personal knowledge of include Aid for Women, Southside Women's Services, The Women's Centers, Waterleaf Women's Center and more. A search engine will bring many up.

Each center has workers and volunteers who will help any woman and child. Volunteers will render aid for many years. I know I would, and I know a number of others who would.

I wish someone would report and research how much good is going on in this helpful community. Additionally, we pray for those who do not believe as we do and who wish to push for reproductive rights. I do not condemn, and I am not the judge, but I pray they can see the rights of the child so innocently developing.

— Al Theis, Tinley Park

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OPINION

Priscilla Velazco keeps a watchful eye on her 16-month-old daughter, Emilia Zarazua, at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital on Dec. 28 in California. Emilia fell ill with respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV. **FRANCINE ORR/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

'Tripledemic' reveals a broken child care system

By Lahari Vuppaladhadiam

An exhausted mother of four brought in her youngest child, not even 6 months old, to the doctor's office where I was working for a barking, unending cough. The baby struggled to catch her breath and threw up her milk as she cried. Her test was positive for respiratory syncytial virus, and her mother, who was also now sick, wondered aloud about how she would be able to take time off from work.

When I lived in Missouri, I worked at a pediatric clinic, and such situations were not uncommon. Parents would bring their children to the clinic for RSV testing, often after a day care outbreak, and stay home from work or rely on other family members — if they were lucky — to care for their sick children. My experience at the clinic taught me that access to affordable child care is more than a concern for families — it is a public health issue that needs to be a bigger priority.

This winter, RSV, influenza and COVID-19 cases have plagued our hospitals in a "tripledemic" that only recently has started to decline. With 16% of families in Chicago having at least one child with asthma (compared with a 12% national average), the prevalence of RSV is especially concerning. RSV is a respiratory virus that most children encounter by the age of 2, but children with more severe RSV are at higher risk for developing childhood asthma as a result. Catching a serious respiratory infection can therefore have long-term ramifications on children's health — and their parents' livelihoods.

With day care closures and quarantine requirements, parents' paychecks and productivity suffer. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 100,000 people missed work due to child care problems in October. Adding the number of people missing work due to COVID-19-related illness, especially considering the removal of risk mitigation strategies, reveals an alarming worker crisis.

Low-income families have been disproportionately affected, with a higher percentage having less access to paid leave and facing more child care disruptions compared with their higher-income counterparts. Many of them have even lost their jobs due to not being able to balance in-person work and frequent infection-related day care closures.

With the three respiratory viruses spreading rapidly, day cares are requiring symptomatic children to stay at home for days, and without affordable alternatives for child care, their parents and guardians have to stay home with them. Child care is already expensive in Illinois. The average yearly cost for a young child is more than $10,000 and is nearly $14,000 for infant care. When a sick child stays home, most day cares do not offer families a refund. Without paid leave, parents lose money they cannot afford to lose, and when they get sick themselves, they often do not have an option other than to go in to work despite their ongoing illness.

I have friends and relatives who are unable to take time off and have gone into work despite being sick, infecting their co-workers. The same is likely happening in day cares, where regardless of the precautions staff may take, children congregate and spread infections.

We need to address this public health concern by restoring accessible child care in the United States and, in the meantime, by investing more time, money and resources to support parents and guardians. Tax credits, minimum wage policies and paid leave are initiatives that can ease the undue burden of inconsistent child care for families, according to a report released by the University of California at Berkeley in 2020, along with the more permanent solutions that can be implemented in the system itself.

Illinois offers a refundable earned income tax credit for families, and a bill that would require paid time off for workers sits on the governor's desk. With the help of state or federal incentives, employers are willing to provide those benefits and subsidize child care expenses, since high-quality child care helps parent well-being and efficiency, and hence, the economy.

Restoring federally funded child care in the U.S. or increasing the availability of lower-cost home-based child care are just two possible long-term solutions to the dilemma. Home-based child care could provide an affordable alternative to day care for lower-income families, and there are programs for sick children that should be made more accessible. President Joe Biden's Build Back Better Act and Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Universal Child Care and Early Learning Act have attempted to bridge the child care gap in the recent past, but with their failure, it is clear we need more voices to elevate the discussion.

New policies and investments require additional funding and resources that can be difficult to acquire, but we need to prioritize child care to help parents return to the workforce knowing that their children are being cared for. This strategy not only helps the families directly affected but also the entire workforce as a whole.

In Illinois, we can start with offering parents paid leave to care for sick children at home and let our policymakers know we want long-term solutions for affordable child care. The child care system has been falling apart for years, and with this RSV-flu-COVID-19 tripledemic, we might have finally gotten the push we need to call for reform.

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We shouldn't get caught up in hype over new Alzheimer's drug

By Anand Kumar

FDA
U.S. Department of Health and
Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved a new drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. **AP 2020**

This month, the Food and Drug Administration approved a new drug, lecanemab, for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The drug, sold under the brand name Leqembi, was developed by Japanese pharmaceutical company Eisai and will be marketed commercially in partnership with American pharmaceutical company Biogen. Biogen, notably, is the maker of the drug Aduhelm, whose earlier rollout and marketing were a fiasco from scientific and public relations perspectives. Lecanemab is a humanized monoclonal antibody that binds to and lowers brain levels of amyloid beta, the protein suspected of contributing to Alzheimer's.

Results published Jan. 5 in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) came from a multicenter study that enrolled 1,795 participants diagnosed with mild Alzheimer's. While the disease progressed in both groups, research subjects who were randomized to the lecanemab group showed slower progression of the disease when compared with subjects in the placebo group. Brain scans showed a significant lowering of amyloid in the lecanemab group when compared with the placebo group. Brain swelling and hemorrhage were greater in the active drug group when compared with the placebo group.

There was jubilation among members of the press. Based on the data, it was argued that the disease progressed 27% slower in the active treatment group when compared with the placebo group. The study was hailed as "momentous and historic" by the United Kingdom newspaper The Times.

This is the first amyloid-lowering drug that slows disease progression when compared with a placebo. The exuberance is understandable. However, we need to take a clear-eyed look at the data beyond the headlines. A thoughtful editorial published Dec. 3 in the prestigious medical journal The Lancet, "Lecanemab for Alzheimer's disease: Tempering hype and hope," argues that the 27% difference in disease progression between the drug and placebo groups translates to a much smaller objective difference in cognitive decline, estimated using the Clinical Dementia Rating sum of boxes (CDR SB) scale that quantifies a range of cognitive and functional domains. The difference between the two groups is 0.45 on the 0 to 18 scale, a difference so subtle that patients who receive the drug and their family members who care for them will not be able to notice the clinical difference. In other words, the difference is statistically significant but not necessarily clinically meaningful.

In addition, the side effects are potentially serious and will require close medical monitoring. The cost of this biweekly intravenous drug is estimated to be $26,500 per year.

On Nov. 3, 1906, German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer presented the clinical features of Auguste Deter — the first patient diagnosed with the disease — together with the neuropathological features that included brain shrinkage and the presence of a protein found between brain cells (amyloid plaques) and the Tau protein identified within the brain cell.

Today, more than 115 years later, Alzheimer's is a major health problem globally, and the amyloid hypothesis — that amyloid accumulation causes dementia — dominates the research community. This hypothesis has guided drug development, and pharmaceutical companies saw a huge opportunity. Lecanemab is the first drug that lowers brain amyloid levels and ostensibly slows progression. That being said, that proof of principle is tenuous in this case. The Lancet editorial appropriately states, "Whether lecanemab is the game changer that some have suggested remains to be seen."

The next step will be determined by the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services. Unlike the FDA, the CMS has a broader mandate and set of responsibilities. The agency examines the broad clinical impact of drugs and medical devices in the community factoring in cost—benefit analyses as it decides whether to cover the cost of new drugs. It is estimated that approximately 6.5 million Americans 65 and older live with Alzheimer's. Much of the cost of any dementia drug will fall on Medicare given the age-associated risk for the disease.

While there is considerable pressure from advocacy groups, Big Pharma and elected officials to approve new drugs, the premature approval of expensive drugs with modest clinical impact does not serve the community well. It has the additional risk of setting a dangerous precedent and opening the floodgates for similar expensive compounds that do not discernibly affect the course of the disease.

There are five FDA-approved drugs on the market that have been demonstrated to slow cognitive decline in Alzheimer's based on pivotal phase 3 clinical trials — head-to-head comparison with a placebo. These drugs are less expensive; have relatively mild, non-life-threatening side effects; and can be taken orally. The advantages of lecanemab over these treatments, if any, are unclear. It will therefore be prudent to conduct larger, community-based effectiveness studies with more representative patient populations with coexisting medical disorders. Clinical impact and side effects must be examined before a final decision is made regarding lecanemab and whether taxpayer dollars are justified to pay for this drug.

While the world eagerly awaits an effective treatment for Alzheimer's, we must be intellectually honest about our research endeavors and prudent in our scientific investments. We are ill-served by overinterpreting statistical significance, heralding the false dawn and expediting the approval of ineffective, inadequately tested drugs under the umbrella of "cutting-edge science."

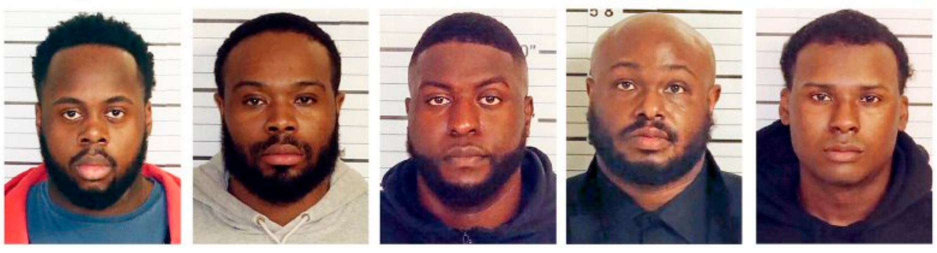
The authors of the New England Journal of Medicine paper do note that "longer trials are warranted to determine the efficacy and safety of Lecanemab in early Alzheimer's disease."

During the Aduhelm crisis, CMS leadership stood up to public pressure and deferred making final decisions about coverage pending larger community-based studies. Let us hope they step up again and follow the recommendations of the authors of this impactful scientific article.

Patients, their families and society deserve better.

Dr. Anand Kumar is head of the psychiatry department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He previously was president of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry.

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy speaks Thursday in Memphis, Tenn., about the indictments handed up in the Jan. 10 death of Tyre Nichols. **BRAD VEST/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



Tadarrius Bean, left, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills Jr. and Justin Smith.

Memphis

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five former officers were in custody.

Second-degree murder is punishable by 15 to 60 years in prison under Tennessee law.

The Memphis police chief has called the fired officers' actions that night "heinous, reckless and inhumane" and urged residents of the predominantly Black city to protest peacefully when video is released.

"This is not just a professional failing. This is a failing of basic humanity toward another individual," Memphis Police Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis said in a video statement released late Wednesday on social media.

Davis said the five officers found to be "directly responsible for the physical abuse of Mr. Nichols," were fired last week, but other officers are still being investigated for violating department policy. In addition, she said "a complete and independent review" will be conducted of the department's specialized units, without providing further details.

As state and federal investigations continue, Davis promised the police department's "full and complete cooperation" to determine what contributed to Nichols' Jan. 10 death.

Mulroy said Tuesday that local and state investigators wanted to complete as many interviews as possible before releasing the video. The timetable has rankled some activists who expected the video to be released after Nichols' family and the family's lawyers viewed it Monday.

The attorneys for Nichols' family, Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci, issued a statement praising the charges. Crump said the video showed that Nichols was shocked, pepper-sprayed and restrained when he was pulled over for a traffic stop near his home.

He was returning home from a suburban park where he had taken photos of the sunset. The legal team likened the incident to the infamous 1991 police beating of Los Angeles motorist Rodney King.

Relatives have accused the police of causing Nichols to have a heart attack and kidney failure. Authorities have only said Nichols experienced a medical emergency.

When video of the arrest is publicly released, Davis said she expects people in the community to react, but she urged them to do so peacefully.

"I expect our citizens to exercise their First Amendment right to protest, to demand actions and results, but we need to ensure our community is safe in this process," she said. "None of this is a calling card for inciting violence or destruction on our community or against our citizens."

One of the officers, Haley, was accused previously of using excessive force.

He was named as a defendant in a 2016 federal civil rights lawsuit while employed by the Shelby County Division of Corrections.

The plaintiff, Cordarlrius Sledge, stated that he was in inmate in 2015 when Haley and another corrections officer accused him of flushing contraband. The two officers "hit me in the face with punches," according to the complaint. A third officer then slammed his head to the ground, Sledge said. He lost consciousness, waking up in the facility's medical center.

The claims were ultimately dismissed after a judge ruled that Sledge had failed to file a grievance against the officers within 30 days of the incident.

Reynolds reported from Lexington, Kentucky. Associated Press reporters Aaron Morrison in New York and Travis Loller in Nashville contributed to this report.

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ON JAN. 27 ...

In 1832 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" under the pen name Lewis Carroll, was born in Cheshire, England.

In 1880 Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1888 the National Geographic Society was incorporated in Washington, D.C.

In 1900 Hyman Rickover, the U.S. admiral and naval engineer who developed the world's first nuclear-powered engines and the first atomic-powered submarine, was born in Makov, Russia.

In 1913 the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams," featuring the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr., opened in New York.

In 1943 about 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany in World War II.

In 1944 the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945 Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951 an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a 1-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967 astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo 1 spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1967 more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973 the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977 the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984 singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1995 about 5,000 mourners gathered at the site of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its liberation.

In 1998 First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, appearing on NBC's "Today" show, said allegations against her husband were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

In 2000 President Bill Clinton proposed a $350 billion tax cut, big spending increases for schools and health care and photo ID licenses for handgun purchases in his final State of the Union address.

In 2002 Wafa Idris, a Palestinian paramedic, became the first female suicide bomber against Israel; her victim was an 81-year-old man.

In 2011 , in a stinging rejection of an Appellate Court opinion that earlier in the week threatened the mayoral candidacy of Rahm Emanuel, the Illinois Supreme Court emphatically rejected a challenge to the former White House chief of staff's residency status and ensured his place on the Feb. 22 ballot.

In 2013 a nightclub fire in the southern Brazilian city of Santa Maria killed 238 people.

In 2014 U.S. Rep. Trey Radel, R-Fla., resigned from Congress six weeks after pleading guilty to cocaine possession.

In 2017 President Donald Trump signed an executive order suspending refugee arrivals and banning travel to the U.S. from seven Muslim-majority countries, spawning chaos and protests across the globe, trapping unwitting airline passengers in terminals and foreign lands and igniting legal challenges that put the bans on hold.

In 2018 a suicide bomber detonated explosives packed into an ambulance outside a hospital in central Kabul, killing at least 103 people and wounding more than 200; the Taliban claimed responsibility.

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Death Notices

Boland Sr., Thomas F.

Age 87; Native of Cross, County Clare, Ireland; Devoted husband of the late Kathleen "Kay", nee Barrett; Loving father of Martin (Julie), Michael (Janet), Kathleen (Sean) Lawlor, Teresa (Jeffery) Loch, and Thomas Jr. (Lisa); Proud Pop of Jack, Joe, Patsy, Bridget, Mary Kate, Clare, Michael, Molly, Tom, Kailyn, Nora, Nieve, Tommy III, and Annie; Adored son of the late Michael and Hannah Boland; Cherished brother of Catherine (the late PJ) McCarthy, the late Flann (Mary) Boland, Anne (Christy) Browne, the late Danny (Margaret) Boland, the late John (the late Maureen) Boland, the late Mary (the late David) Liston, and the late Bridie (the late Marty) Keane; Beloved brother-in-law of Rita (John) Deane; Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Founding Member of The Clare Association; Visitation Tuesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park; Mass 10:30 a.m.; A live-stream of the Mass is available by using this link: https://www.asimplestreaming.com/tboland; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to either Evans Scholars Foundation, www.wgaesf.org, or Misericordia Heart of Mercy, www.misericordia.com would be appreciated; For Funeral info, (708) 422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Damasky, Neil W.

Neil W. Damasky. Age 88 of Chesterton, Indiana. Beloved husband of Carol, the late Eleanor, and the late Virginia. Loving father of Paula and Donna. Loving stepfather of Scott and Terri. Cherished brother of Alvin (Marsha), Beverly (Frank) Greco, and Robert (Peggy). Devoted grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 29, 2-6 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral Information and to sign the guestbook visit, www.ryan-parke.com.

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De Lucca, Terese M. 'Terry'

Terese (Terry) M. De Lucca, nee Isbaner formerly of Park Ridge.

Preceded in death by her loving husband Peter De Lucca. Dear mother of Gregg (Karolynn), Geoff (Paula) and Garrett (Mary).

Cherished Nonni of Nicholas (Caitlyn), Martine (Josh) Castillo, Brandon, Cherilynn (Christopher) Westphal and Joseph Jr. Great Grandmother of 7.

Dearest sister of Virginia Neilsen and the late John and Conrad Isbaner. Fond Aunt and friend of many.

Visitation Sat., January 28 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy. Park Ridge. Service at 12:30pm at St. Paul of the Cross 320 S. Washington Ave. Park Ridge.

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Fiorita, Antonio

Antonio Fiorita, age 68, of Norridge passed away January 23, 2023. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Anna Maria and son Fabio. He is survived by his sons Michele and Francesco (Carly) Fiorita, his sisters Rosa (Luigi) Fiorita and Maria (Carmine) Spinelli, many sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Sunday Jan. 29 4-8pm at **Belmont Funeral Home** 7120 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL 60634. A funeral mass will be held Monday Jan. 30 at 10:30am at St. Eugene Church 7958 W. Foster, Chicago, IL 60656.

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France, Carole A.

Carole A. France, (nee, Kubycheck); loving wife of Lee R.; beloved mother of Michelle (Dave) Francis, Paul (Maribel) France, Renee (Charles) Barkes and Neal (Alicia) France; cherished grandmother of Charlie, Stephanie, Anthony, Adam, Nathaniel, Aidan, Noah, Amelia, Andy (Ryan), and Tania (John); loving great-grandmother of Caitlin, Sarah, Tyler and Jacob; dear sister of Robert (Louise), Edward (Terry) and the late Mary (late Carroll); fond sister-in-law of Roy (late Pat), late Charles (late Marylin) and the late Ralph (Alice); also, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Friday, January 27, 2023 at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., from 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Funeral services Saturday, January 28, 2023, starting with prayers at 10:00 A.M. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Pascal Church (Our Lady of the Rosary) for an 11:00 A.M. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at: www.stjude.org are appreciated. For info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Friedman, Sylvia

Sylvia Friedman (nee Carter), 92, January 25, 2023; beloved wife of 74 wonderful years to her high school sweetheart Leon; loving mother of Shelli (Barry) Barnett and Bonnie (Scott) Gold; much loved grandmother of Samantha (Tim) Steed, Randi (Nathan) Eisenberg, Matthew and Adam Gold; dear "Bubbie" to Drew and Avery Eisenberg and Elle and Jay Steed; treasured sister of Marcia Sitzman and devoted daughter of the late Samuel and Goldie Carter. Sylvia was a strong woman and was courageous to the very end. The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Fe, Ann and Mary for their wonderful care. Memorial donations in her memory to the American Lung Association of Greater Illinois, www.lung.org/donate or to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/donate would be greatly appreciated. Chapel Service, Friday, January 27, 2023; 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to view the service, shiva information and to leave condolences: www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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Keegan, William Francis

William Francis Keegan, passed away January 19th, 2023. Son of the late James E. and Gertrude "Tudy"(Calkins); loving father to Ryan Keegan, devoted fiancé of Trina Whiteside. Brother of Trudy (John) Follert, Albert (Cindy), James Jr. (Lisa), Mary (the late Ron) Skibicki, Kathy (the late Michael) Reidy, Lori Gillespie, Frank (Judi), Denise (Bob) McManaman, and Nancy (Joe) Rigitono; caring uncle to 19 nieces and nephews; Papa Bill to Lucas, Nathan (Jacob and Meagan), and Jackson (the late Jesse) and many others. Visitation Sunday, January 29th, from 12p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL 60631. A celebration of Bill's life will begin at 3:30p.m. A livestream link to the service will be posted on Bill's obituary at www.cremation-society.com. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bill's memory to Way Back Inn, www.waybackinn.org, appreciated.

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Korbos-Dyrek, Lee Mary

Lee Mary Korbos-Dyrek (nee: Christiano), 98 years.

Loving wife of the late George T. Korbos, and the late Edward L. Dyrek. Loving mother of Carolyn (Sunder) Bajaj, Phyllis (late Ronald) Stewart, Theodore G. Korbos, Kristine (Robert) Cannatello, Francesca Richardson, and Jacqueline (late Ron) Siwula. Devoted Nana of Ronald, Robert Buddy, David, Richard, Christopher, Frankie, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Michelle, Maelee, and Kristine. Beloved Big Nana of 21 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Loving sister and aunt to many.

Visitation Sunday 4-9pm & Monday 8:30-9:30am at **Ridge Funeral Home**, 6620 W. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. Funeral Mass Monday 10am at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 5300 S. Natoma Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For more info please call Ridge FH at 773-586-7900 or online guestbook www.RidgeFH.com

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Monahan, Kathleen Theresa

Kathleen T. Monahan (73) completed her earthly journey on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the home of her loving brother, Joe Monahan and his wife Kathy McDonald.

She is survived by her twin sister Sally Monahan, and her sisters Mary Jo Monahan (Roger Gorg), Susan Flynn (Larry Flynn), and Maureen Monahan (Jeff Copeland) and her brother Joe Monahan (Kathy McDonald).

She loved and was beloved by her eleven nieces and nephews, Sarah, Christine, Patty, Brian, Conor, Michael, Colin, Leigh, Kate, Kyle and Mac, as well as her nine grand nieces and nephews, Michael, Sophia, Marissa, Noelle, Meghan, Seamus, Norah, Leo and Mairead.

Following in her father's footsteps, Kathy worked in Sales throughout her career. Kathy was a dedicated volunteer raising significant funds for the Lakeland FL branch of the American Cancer Society, while also mentoring women with breast cancer.

Kathy lived a full and successful life dedicated to her family and she now rests peacefully in "the home she never left."

Visitation Saturday, January 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saint John XXIII Parish, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202 (Saint Nicholas Campus).

Interment Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. Please include on the memo line of your check "Lakeland, FL" or Fr. Robert Oldershaw Honorary Fund Scholarship, 1120 Washington St., Evanston, IL 60202.

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Regnier, Josephine M.

Josephine M. Regnier (nee Niec), age 100. U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. Beloved wife of the late John F. Regnier. Loving mother of Joan (Michael) O'Connor, Judy (Mike) Dusk and Joyce (John) Franklin. Cherished grandmother of Michelle O'Connor, Christina O'Connor, John (Kasie) Dusk, Kyle Dusk, Sean Franklin and Eric Franklin. Great grandmother of Olivia Grace. Dear aunt of Marilyn (Jerry) Kasper, Valentina (Jerry) Mavor and the late Pamela Karban. Member of Central Park American Legion Post #1028. Former parishioner of St. Camillus Church and a member of the Golden Agers, Mothers Club and the Altar and Rosary Sodality. Visitation Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, January 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the **Richard-Midway Funeral Home**, 5749 Archer Ave. (corner of Lorel) to Our Lady of the Snows Church for an 11:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Honor Flight Chicago would be appreciated. For more information please call 773-767-1840.

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Shanahan, Sr., Michael John

Michael John Shanahan, Sr., Ret. CFD, 85, passed away peacefully at his home on January 25, 2023. Michael was the loving husband of Mary Lou (nee Gutrich) and cherished father of Michael J., Jr., Ret CFD (Rita), Colleen (Thomas, Ret. CFD) Ruane, Susan (Bernard, Ret. CFD) Burke, Bryan and Matthew (Beth), adored "Poppie" of Maura (Brian, CPD) Duhig, Michael J. (Alexa), Joseph, CPD (Brenna) and Kevin Shanahan, Thomas (Val), Mary Kate (Dominic) Barraco, Sean (Lisa) and Neal (Sarah) Ruane, Martin, Jack, Grace and the late Maeve Burke, Sam, CFD, Max, Ben and Danielle Shanahan and Kara, Amelia and Matthew Shanahan. Great Grand "Poppie of 14. Dear brother of Mary (Hank) O'Neill, Dennis (Mary), James (Suzanne), the late Jack and Thomas, brother-in-law of Larry (Kathy) Scannell, the late Roseann (late Leo) O'Reilly and the late Frank Gutrich. Fond uncle of many. He was a Lt for CFD and a Pipefitter (54 y) Pipefitter's Union Local 17. Visitation, Sunday, Jan. 29, 3-8 p.m. at **Schmaedeke Funeral Home**, 10701 S. Harlem Ave., Worth. Family and friends will gather at Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, 10233 S. Central Park Ave, Evergreen Park, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Monday, Jan. 30. Graveside, Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Alsip. In lieu of flowers donations to E.M.W.Q. Retiree' Widows and Children's Fund of the CFD, widowsandchildren.org. For info (708) 448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com

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Sobocan, Joseph

Joseph Sobocan, age 82, loving husband of Joan nee Bugala; cherished father of Mary Ann (Ron) Till and Liz (Brian) Kluge; grandfather of Ronald "R.J" Till, Carolyn Till, Matthew Till, the late Andrew Till, the late Nicholas J. Till and Claire Kluge; great-grandfather of Bentley, Brodie and Brighton Taylor. Visitation Monday January 30th 9:00 am to 10:00 am at St. Mary Slovenian Catholic Mission until time of service at 10:00 am. Int. Resurrection Cem. For info 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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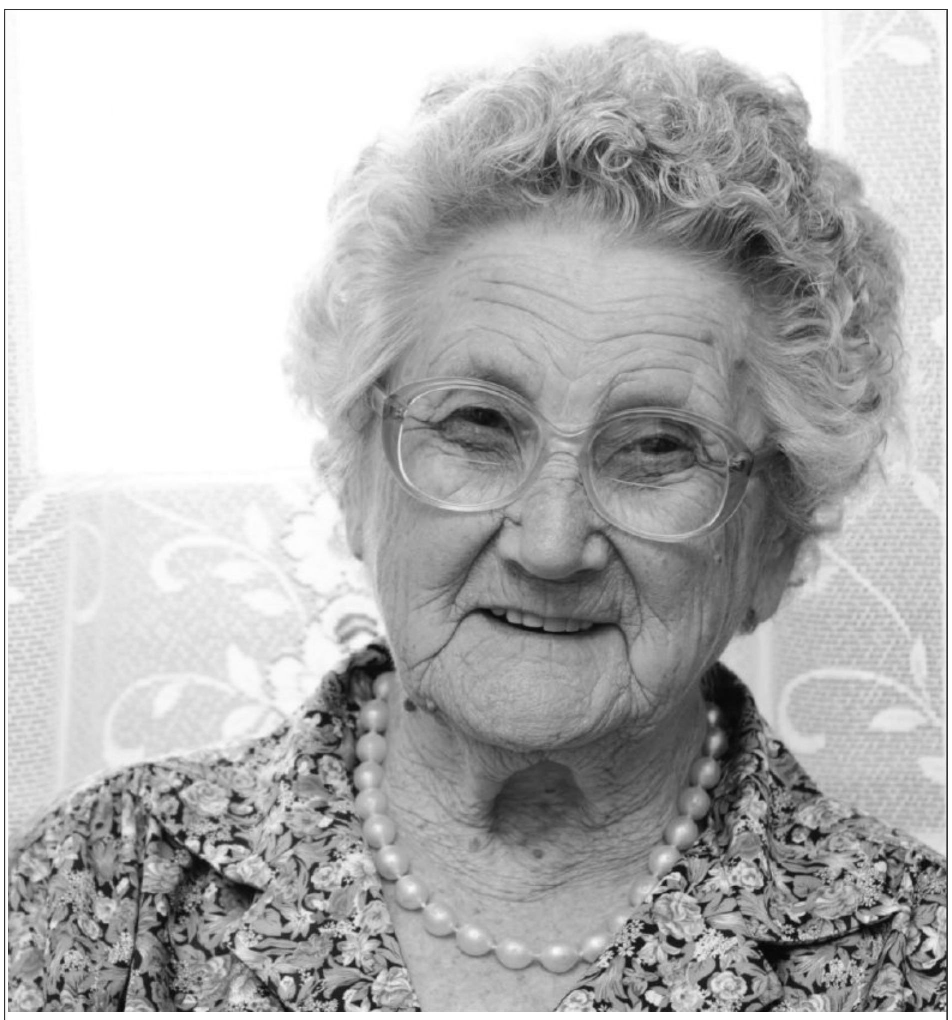

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FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Aubrey Hinton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Larissa Hinton (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2019JA01528**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Larissa Hinton (Mother), Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 29, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 24, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Baby Boy Martin

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shameka Martin (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2022JA00938**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shameka Martin (Mother), Shawn Unknown (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 27, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 13, 2023**,at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369059

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Baby Girl Pearson Rasheed

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Nicole Rasheed (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **23JA00051**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknowns (Fathers)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 23, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 22, 2023**,at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369131

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Calvin Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tisha Bogan (Mother) AKA Tanya Gilmore**

JUVENILE NO.: **21JA01192**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Carey Lee Jones (Father) and Tisha Bogan (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 27, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 6, 2023**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **1** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369239

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Cody Miller AKA Coby Miller

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Korey Miller (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00480**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Vernell Anderson (Father), Antoine Smith (Father) Unknown (Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 29, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 24, 2023**,at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369047

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE

Take notice that an application for a retail Liquor license had been filed by
KELLY MCMAHON
443 West Aldine, Apt. 3
Chicago, IL 60657
For
127 Ridge Ave LLC
12701 S. Ridgeland
Palos Heights, IL 60463
Any objections to the granting of said license shall be made to the President of the Board of Commissioners and Deputy Liquor Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector, within ten days of the date of this notice, stating specifically the grounds of the objection. Any objections should be mailed to: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1160, Chicago, Illinois 60602

Kenneth Harris
Deputy Liquor Commissioner
January 27, 2023 - 7369129

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Dah'Money Ambrose AKA Dah'Money Shakur Ambrose Dah'Ziyah Ambrose AKA Dah'Ziyah Valerie Dorothy Ambrose

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Donshay Ambrose (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00908 20JA01591**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 20, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 28, 2023**, at **9:15 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369304

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darion Hoskins, AKA, Darion Deuchler

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Nicole Deuchler (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00567**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Herman Hoskins (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 2, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Diane Pezanoski** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 10, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369201

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Davion Lawson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sade Thomas (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00855**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Hurlice Lawson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 24, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 17, 2023**, at **11:45 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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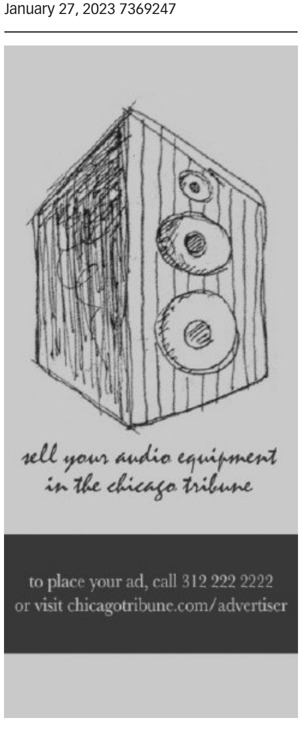
Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369247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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Daziyah Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Connie Frazier (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00333**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Amillion Jones (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 5, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Diane Pezanoski** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 17, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369206

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Gia Taylor

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Anitra Taylor (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2020JA00693**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 9, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 7, 2023**, at **11:15 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369217

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jenavieve Benitez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ivelisse Conde (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2018JA00240**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jack Benitez (Father), Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 11, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 24, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369253

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jessa Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Michelle Guzman (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2021JA00101**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michelle Guzman (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 13, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 6, 2023**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369284

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jessa Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Michelle Guzman (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2021JA00101**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jason Johnson (Father), Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 13, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 6, 2023**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369288

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kierra Morens

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Latwinkle Mccalley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00848**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kenneth Morens (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 16, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 8, 2023**,at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369028

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Laniya Epperson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Janecquia Epperson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01236**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Anthony Cargo (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 29, 2021**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Shannon O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 28, 2023**,at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **6** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369134

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Madyson Hoyle

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ieshia Hoyle (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00272**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Iesha Hoyle (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 11, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Levander Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **April 11, 2023**,at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **10** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369126

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Malayah Hoskins

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Marquese Hoskins (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00744**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dusun Burton (Father) & Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 8, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 1, 2023**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **8** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369293

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Mi'Amour Welch

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Cortney Sturdivant (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01463**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 17, 2023**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369300

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nihmar Smith AKA Nahmir Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Crystal Smith (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00194**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Crystal Smith(Mother), Antoine White (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 4, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 17, 2023**, at **1:45 PM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369296

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM
Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 24, 2023 to the link below:
https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Req No.: B22OP00516,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) to Furnish, Install, Maintain, and Remove Traffic Barricades as required for a period of up to thirty-six (36) months from date of contract execution.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
Pre-Bid Meeting via Zoom will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 9:30 AM CTS.
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucOmtpz4vGdyvrlH2EXxA67Cp-FyzqhWH
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time.
For additional information, please contact Jenna Scott, Procurement Administrator, at 312-681-2674 or jscott@transitchicago.com.
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Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
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January 27, 2023
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION

Notice is hereby given that the opening date heretofore advertised as Friday, January 27, 2023 has been extended to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 no later than 2:00 P.M. for the following items:
Req No.: B22OP01037,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) to Extermination Services to be Performed on Buses as Required for a Period of up to Thirty-Six Months.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
For additional information, please contact Tamika Johnson, Procurement Administrator, tjohnson7@transitchicago.com.
Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all Insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
PLEASE NOTE: The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all bids.
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
January 27, 2023
1/27/2023 7369450

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION

Notice is hereby given that the opening date heretofore advertised as Friday, January 27, 2023 has been extended to Friday, February 10, 2023 no later than 2:00 P.M. for the following items:
Req No.: B22OP04081R,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) to Develop Detailed Mechanical & Electrical Drawings Through Reverse Engineering For Various Rail & Bus Parts For A Period Of Up To Thirty-Six (36) Months.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
For additional information, please contact Tamika Johnson, Procurement Administrator, tjohnson7@transitchicago.com.
Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
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January 27, 2023
1/27/2023 7369561

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ricky Banks AKA BabyBoy Banks

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Diane Banks (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA00807**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Diane Banks (Mother) and Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 9, 2023,**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 7, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369256

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Rubianais Pena
Daisani Bonilla
Noel Bonilla, Jr
MINOR(S)
CHILD(REN) OF Tanairi Capeles (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 21JA00220
21JA00221
21JA00222
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Tanairi Capeles (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 4, 2022, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON February 23, 2023, at 9:15 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a HEARING WILL BE HELD UPON THE PETITION FOR RULE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SHE SHOULD NOT BE FOUND IN INDIRECT CIVIL CONTEMPT AND HAVE AN ARREST WARRANT ISSUED.
THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD
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IRIS Y. MARTINEZ
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT January 9 2023
IRIS Y. MARTINEZ, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369262

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ryan Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mary Johnson (Mother) AKA Mary Nicole Johnson**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01250**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Mary Johnson (Mother) and Reggie Flower (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 8, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 24, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369052

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Shalay' Harris

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Latasha Harris (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **21JA00094**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Latasha Harris (Mother) & Robert Veal (Father) & Unknowns (Fathers)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 1, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter J. Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 3, 2023**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369271

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

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Application Filing Period: January 20, 2023 through February 3, 2023. **Examination Date:** March 4, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Sheet Metal Worker practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled work in connection with the fabrication, erection, assembly, alteration and repair of articles constructed of sheet metal, including sheet metal pipes, flues, ducts, gutters, bins and other items constructed of sheet metal. **Salary:** $49.10 per hour

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Veronica Hernandez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Altagracia Gomez-Perdomo (Mother) AKA Altagracia Gomez**

JUVENILE NO.: **2017JA00801**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Altagracia Gomez-Perdomo (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 10, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **January 30, 2023**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zanyla Dior Sanders

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Keyara Sanders (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00024**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Luke Carter (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 13, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 1, 2023**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369227

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zanira Hall

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Latwinkle Mccalley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00849**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kelby Hall (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 16, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 8, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2023 7369038

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Notice of Lien Sale / Public Auction

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below.
#417, 11525 184th Place Orland Park IL 60467 Ph 708.460.5566: 116 Roberto Marron, 533 Angela Myers, 724 Justin Cullinan, 1059 Ali Hamdan, 1167 English Purnell. **#425, 345 North Western Ave Chicago IL 60612 Ph 312.421.0200**: 134 Jasmine Lockhart, 138 Belia Ramos, 311 Travis Parks, 401 William Davis, 444 Sapphire Garcia, 504 Calvin Hood, 792 Randy Jefferson, 794 Ryanal Campbell, 6122 Ryan Ferguson.
#426, 615 W Pershing Rd Chicago IL 60609 Ph 773.376.5167: 245 Sakile Newsom, 308 Jarita Coleman, 431 Latricia Myers, 682 Olivia Ewing, 189 Marvin Spruiell, 565 Lyntuan Jones. **#432, 3626 N Broadway St Chicago IL 60613 Ph 773.697.7674**: 3182 Shauwnique Wylie-Cross, 1033 Luis G Vasquez. **#467, 1625 S Ashland Ave Chicago IL 60608 Ph 312.465.2977:** 2189 Sean Hayes, 3110 Bendarius King, 2266 Marco Watts, 2134 Favio Ramirez, 3141 Elijah Jagours, 1059 Lilia Perepitchka, 1078 Dion Glas, 1099 Heath Winn, 1132 Denise Williams, 2045 Sandro Perez, 1149 Christine Maley, 3033 Christopher Acevedo, 3076 Yoweceph Israel, 3111 Deandre Darden, 3160 Briana Bowden. **#480, 5253 West 111th Street Alsip IL 60803 Ph 708.425.4499**: 1002 Bertina Bell, 2008 Jan Kuc, B5 LeRhuchandre Scott, C37 Simon J Chandler, E33 Kelly A Begley, G62 India Adams, K68E Alexia Glover, K71D Marcella Lloyd. **#550, 3323 W Addison St Chicago IL 60618 Ph 773.478.0805**: 1019 Raul Montiel, 1138 Robert Adams, 1148 Jerry Smith, 1209 John W Mackenzie, 1313 Areli Vanegas, 1330 Manuel De La Pena, 2073 Jose Alvarez, 4205 Thomas Tobias. **#551, 2361 S State St Chicago IL 60616 Ph 312.842.0004**: 3141 Mary Joseph, 4091 Ismael Pierre, 3062 William Schofield,228 Osiris Eldridge, 3158 Debbie Reynolds, 1023 Yvonnda Payton, 406668 Asia Williams,1079 Tefny Talley. **#556, 7700 W 79th St Bridgeview IL 60455 Ph 708.924.9484**: 1516 Francisco Jaurez, 1761 Thomas Gamby, 1770 Jason Stubitsch. **#562, 21700 S Cicero Ave Matteson IL 60443 Ph 708.748.4987**: 138 Robin Robinson, 260 Ebony Pointer, 281 Dale Bragg, 327 India Adams-Dixson, 359 Darlene K Randall, 450 Lynn Lockridge, 469 Harry C. Jones Jr., 474 Isaiah Banks, 0503 Rod Miller. **#563, 3200 Holeman Ave South Chicago Heights IL 60411 Ph 708.754.6820**: C2 Bernice Williams, E25 Shonda Gray-Beard, E52 Deneen Steward White, D3 Mario L Koonce, D11 Greg Don, A24 LaDonna Thomas, F67 Deanna Tisdale, D35 Wyman King, A36 Nick Pranatis. **#565, 3245 W 30th St Chicago IL 60623 Ph 773.376.8577:** 1058 Walter White, 1067 Celeste Perez, 2482 Annette Starr, 3115 Jaron Thompson, 1262 Williams Sanders, 1262 William Sanders, 3089 Rey Raigoza, 2073 Meritt Holt, 2359 Yarira Saray Meza, 3099 Angelina Villarreal, 2251 Ronald Garrett, 3164 Andrea Jakes, 3123 Alejandrino Ramirez, 2501 Angela Mays. **#566, 8531 W. 191st St Mokena IL 60448 Ph 708.390.9680**: M152 Gilbert R Garcia,3038 Tina Radtke,M154 Juwan Wilson, M81 Sara M Brink,0202 James Gill,N49 Roselynn Kowalewski. **#1133, 6331 North Broadway St Chicago IL 60660 Ph 773.764.0282**: 94 Azzurah Edwards, 249 Oscar Garrett, 258 John Lusk. **#8345, 305 S Larkin Ave Joliet IL 60436 Ph 815.725.5191**: 4050 Robin Tate, 5065 Darrien Burks, 2040 Karletha Larkins, B69 Edward Blassingame, B55 Margaret B B Damaska, 2037 Karletha Larkins, 2145 Mark Reed Jr., 6018 Verta McNealey, A14 Mya Maltbia, B27 Jasmine Jennings, 2068 Tambra Lindsey, 4000 Kenneth Stroud Jr.
And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com which will end on at February 23rd 10:00 AM.
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#405, 1401 N Plum Grove Rd Schaumburg IL 60173 Ph 847.843.1027: 104 Mel Krumske, 105 Charice Mannaioni, 2029 Mel Krumske, 2049 Mel Krumske, 2106 Linda Chatto, 3005 Maria Schimmel, 5040 Ivaylo Simeonov. **#422, 232 South Lake Street Aurora IL 60506 Ph 630.966.0965**: 1021 Elizabeth A Tinajero, 1040 Felicia L Mosby, 1137 Maria Munoz, 1167 Sharie Carmona, 1204 Laura Metlow, 2034 Robert Reyna, 2127 Francisco Andrade, 2211 George D Sotonymie, 3159 Edwin Pagan, 3012 Shelly Brooke, 3018 Ed Lewis, 3185 Linda Byrum, 3224 Tasha N Jones, 3150 Amanda Gayle Mollet. **#442, 2625 E Main Street Saint Charles IL 60174 Ph 630.584.0580**: 2238 Ed Izenstark, 1328 James Slattery, 2230 Joanne M Rizvi, 1124 Christopher Piccolin, 4116 Shirley U Davidson**. #511, 1125 E St Charles Rd Lombard IL 60148 Ph 630.495.1658**: 1011 Suzanne Lawrence, 1047 Chicago Barn Door Co., 2038 Barbara Janota, 2085 Barbara Janota,3001 Michael Fitch, 3070 Laron Levy, 3171 Samuel Ratliff, 4008 Suzanne Lawrence, 4113 Xavier GearyHughes. **#554, 1650 N Randall Rd Aurora IL 60506 Ph 630.907.9870**: 1331 Anthony Morales, 1374 Franco Franchi, 1395 Rhonda Malone, 2011 Katherine M Knowles, 2121 Stanley White, 2156 Rhonda Malone, 2170 Rosario Gomez, 3101 David Puckett, 3213 Elizabeth Black. **#557, 426 S Westgate St Addison IL 60101 Ph 630.543.6303**: 2166 Joseph Czuma. **#559, 953 S IL Route 83 Elmhurst IL 60126 Ph 630.279.2522**: B1214 Latori Wright, C1164 Latori Wright, B2169 Tiffany Mcfarland, C1102 Brian Barkowski. **#567, 1455 S Barrington Rd Barrington IL 60010 Ph 847.381.3100**: 1195 Robert Jr Nykaza, 2304 Frank Houmpavlis, 2289 Jeglett Byrd. **#568, 1950 N Washington St Naperville IL 60563 Ph 630.505.0001**: 4083 Gene Mathis, 3084 Susan Engel. **#570, 405 Shawmut Ave La Grange IL 60525 Ph 708.352.0001**: 2098 Denise Aguilar, 136 Joseph Chiavaroli. **#1111 500 N Kirk Rd Batavia IL 60510 Ph 630.326.6528**: A-03 Charles Mac Brayne, 498 Renee Martinez, 167 Raeleen Paschall. **#1113 737 S Rand Rd Lake Zurich IL 60047 Ph 224.662.3415**: 524 Richard McCaulley Sr.
And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com which will end on February 23rd 2023 at 10:00 AM.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, a public hearing will be held before the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority"), or his designee, inside the North entrance of One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, regarding a plan of finance by the Authority to issue its revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $300,000,000. In the event that the designated public hearing location described in the preceding sentence is not adequate to accommodate social distancing concerns of any persons who arrive at the designated time of the public hearing or is otherwise unavailable due to health concerns, at the request of anyone present or if the space is otherwise unavailable due to health concerns, the Authority will move the public hearing outside in the immediate vicinity of the building and members of the public will be redirected to that location. In addition, the public hearing will be simultaneously accessible by residents, taxpayers and other interested persons telephonically on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number: (888) 494-4032, and entering access code: 795-179-0918.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to The University of Chicago, an Illinois not for profit corporation (the "University"), to provide the University with all or a portion of the funds necessary to (i) finance, refinance or reimburse the University for all or a portion of the costs (including capitalized interest, if any) of the planning, design, acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, expansion, completion and/or equipping of certain of its facilities constituting "educational facilities," as defined in the Illinois Finance Authority Act, 20 ILCS 3501/801-1 et seq., as supplemented and amended (the "Act"), including, without limitation, the renovation, improvement, expansion, completion and/or equipping of the David M. Rubenstein Forum, The John Crerar Library, the McGiffert House, the Keller Center, the Gleacher Center, Ryerson Laboratory and Eckhart Hall, parking lots, HVAC systems, steam system, dining commons, athletic facilities, elevator improvements and various other administrative, academic, research, infrastructure and campus projects, including related landscaping, signage and other similar improvements (collectively, the "Projects"), (ii) refinance certain taxable commercial paper (the "Taxable Commercial Paper") issued to finance, refinance or reimburse itself for certain costs relating to the planning, design, acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, expansion, completion and/or equipping of certain of its facilities constituting "educational facilities" under the Act, including, without limitation, the renovation, improvement, expansion, completion and/or equipping of the David M. Rubenstein Forum, The John Crerar Library, the McGiffert House, the Keller Center, the Gleacher Center, parking lots, HVAC systems, steam system, dining commons and various other administrative, academic, research, infrastructure and campus projects, including related landscaping, signage and other similar improvements (collectively, the "CP Projects"), (iii) pay certain working capital expenditures if deemed desirable by the University, (iv) fund one or more debt service reserve funds required to be maintained (if any) in accordance with one or more trust indentures between the Authority and one or more trust companies or banks having the powers of a trust company, as trustee, and (v) pay certain costs relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including the costs of bond insurance or other credit or liquidity enhancement, if any, and certain costs incurred in connection with the refinancing or provision for payment of all or a portion of the Taxable Commercial Paper, all as permitted under the Act.

The Projects and CP Projects are or will be owned and principally used by the University and are or will be located on land owned by the University at (i) its Hyde Park Campus in Chicago, Illinois, generally bordered on the north by 47th Street, on the east by Lake Shore Drive, on the south by 61st Street and on the west by Cottage Grove Avenue, which boundary area includes, without limitation, 1155 East 60th Street, 5701 Woodlawn and 950 E. 61st Street, all in Chicago, Illinois (not more than $300,000,000 of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used, directly or indirectly, for assets to be located on the University's Hyde Park Campus, including such addresses) and (ii) 11030 S. Langley Avenue, 10910 S. Langley Avenue, 11023 S. Langley Avenue, 727 E. 110th Street and (iii) 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, all in Chicago, Illinois (not more than $5,000,000 of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used, directly or indirectly, for assets to be located at any one of the addresses listed in the immediately preceding clauses (ii) and (iii)).

The Bonds are special, limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely out of the revenues and other funds pledged and assigned for their payment in accordance with one or more loan agreements, each between the University and the Authority, and the one or more trust indentures pursuant to which the Bonds are issued. The Bonds do not constitute a debt of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any provisions of the Constitution or statutes of the State of Illinois or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof or grant to the owners thereof any right to have the Authority or the General Assembly levy any taxes or appropriate any funds for the payment of the principal thereof or interest thereon. The Authority has no taxing power.

The above notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the Bonds and the proposed plan of finance. In addition, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons that attend the public hearing telephonically by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number noted above will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the Bonds and the proposed plan of finance at a designated point in the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the Executive Director of the Authority via email at publiccomments@il-fa.com or at his office located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 until February 8, 2023.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then not later than February 9, 2023, he or she should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300.

NOTICE DATED: January 27, 2023.
By: /s/ Christopher Meister
Executive Director,
Illinois Finance Authority

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Notice of Lien Sale / Public Auction

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the **Life Storage location(s)** listed below. **#424, 2051 North Austin Ave Chicago, IL 60639 Ph 773.237.2713:** 1133 Glenda Cano, 1218 Destiny J Brady, 1219 Joyce Reed, 1234 Jose M Rivera,1236 Nefertiti Harris, 1314 Jose M Rivera, 1419 Jaliyah Curtis, 2097 Ciro Jesus Navarrete Arce, 2160 Jennifer Mosley, 3060 Emma Gaddipati, 3097 Yvette Padilla, 3109 Roshanda S Beck, 4005 Quinton S Pickens, 4019 Willie T Brock, 4023 Veronica Serrano, 4030 Aracely S Flores, 4076 Joseph L Alcorn, 4113 Sean A Roumi, 4123 Queen L Hibbler, 4187 Sheneka L Sholar. **#479, 2850 N Pulaski Road Chicago IL 60641 Ph 773.283.4150:** 1073 Hector Carrasco, 1269 Press Syndication, 1275 Press Syndication, 1589 Tia Brown, 1060 Edgar Dtierrez, 1406 Christopher Conde, 1669 Azucena Y Ramirez, 1299 Miata Lavery. **#548, 2301 W Algonquin Rd Algonquin IL 60102 Ph 847.658.5968:** 250 Rafael Brena, 602 Angela Myers. **#552, 4014 W Grand Ave Chicago IL 60651 Ph 773.235.2884:** 155 Russell J Neal, 406 Mia Salgado, 471 Anton Raggs, 502 LaShauna Burks, 615 Patrick Milton, 681 Juana Montes, 697 Bobbie Davis, 735 Rosa Elena Diaz, 795 Jasmine Neals, 930 Carlos Troche Lopez, 986 Iris Irizarry. **#558, 6603 W Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60707 Ph 773.237.3030:** A1120 William Lange, A2173 Carla Matthews, B2183 Mariah Fortier, C1183 Luis Salvador Mendez Perez, C2104 Mora Moreno, C2217 Adrian Gutierrez, D2193 Armani George, D2213 LuzJanet Lopez. **#560, 450 Airport Rd Elgin IL 60123 Ph 847.888.1834:** 242 Steven Bellock, 277 Anthony Marrero, 511 Michelle Butler, 628 Andrea Carter. **#561, 7524 N Paulina St Chicago IL 60626 Ph 773.381.1417:** 275 Jemmerio Kimble, 690 Micheal Budwick, 726 Barbara Swets, 667Carmela Battaglia, 563 Farid Altaqi, 312 Yohatcha Jusino-Muriel ,846 Gustavo Ott, 966 Thomas Ronningen, 977 Lenna Yaqub. **#564, 4500 W Grand Ave Chicago, IL 60639 Ph 773.235.8452:** 726 Darryl Williams, 049 Jessie Crosby, 131 Ebonique Lofton, 747 Darryl Williams, 025 Jose Zuniga, 479 Barry Asmaou, 155 Desiree Cintron, 239 Ayisha Jackson, 089 Felicita Velazquez, 442 Elton Brownlee, 468 Maurice Venton, 101 Alize Herrera, 388 Mauricio Miranda, 550 Lydia Dominguez, 176 Brittany Crawford. **#569, 1800 Des Plaines Ave Forest Park IL 60130 Ph 708.209.1100:** 2314 Isis Graham, 2143 Michael Kannon, 2301 Beatriz Alejandro, 2401 Tiffanii Piearson-Lane, 2202 Cassandra Ray. **#7208, 1400 N. Cicero Ave Chicago, IL 60651 Ph 773-832-7809:** 5099 Ashley S Smith, 4015 Kiarra M Curry, 4059 Willie B Randolph, 5161 Shomari Dalley, 1137 Loretta Helem, 4081 David M Demars, 1069 Anthony Hamilton, 1035 Sinnamonn Washington, 5059 Ivory Lee, 1161 Cheryl Reese, 4157 Madelyn C Kramer, 3021 Chiquita Hodges, 1079 Mashavu Mccullough, 1452 Starlena Maddox, 1440 Kenyuna Johnson, 1171 Evon Kennedy, 1156 Angel Perez, 4117 Huey Davis Jr., 3020 Chiquita A Hodges, 1372 Darnisha T King, 1293 Dannie D Thompson, 1144 Curtis Palmer, 3006 Paree Tyshaun Vaughn,1279 Casey Bennett,1206 Ider Maldonado, 5078 Katia Salomon, 1075 Kamil Duncan. **#7209, 5746 W. Roosevelt Rd Chicago, IL 60644 Ph 224-232-0432:** 181 Hinsley McKie, 1006 Jessica Simmons, 1017 Elvira Arocho, 1020 Decoby Smith, 1021 Kadidia Mobio, 1028 Jeanette Guyton, 1054 Debra McCaster, 1120 Rahsaan Gasaway, 1234 Latonya P Smith, 1254 Katie Ramirez, 1280 Krostal McGee, 1296 Neeley Brandon, 1318 Terrell Griffin, 1320 Terrell Griffin, 1324 Michael Rogers, 1387 Zenas Binner, 1407 Keisha Amos, 1451 Wanda Pettye, 1471 Lucy Serrano, 1515 Sylvester Buckhalter, 2004 Joseph Converse, 2018 Christel S Hicks, 2026 Jessica Miranda, 2138 Saiydah Coleman, 2156 Rahsaan Gasaway, 2168 Courtney Gipson, 2169 Shakenna Edwards, 2209 Michael Terry, 2211 Tatianna Allen, 2233 Nicole Walker, 2332 Kieva Porter, 2368 Victoria Ortiz, 2455 Latoria Bryant, 2467 Sade Drane. **#1112, 465 N Desplaines St Chicago, IL 60654 Ph 312-546-7559:** 3169 Gregory Wanlass, 1072 Advantage Cash Express, 5158 Jennifer Richter, 5211 Tony Petrone, 5249 Bridget Richter, 5016 Madeleine Sparkman, 3059 Theodora Dellaportas. **#404, 1400 S Skokie Hwy Lake Forest IL 60045 Ph 847.234.0585:** 27 Colleen Coughlin, 33 Colleen Coughlin, 36 Colleen Coughlin, 37 Colleen Coughlin, 51 Colleen Coughlin, 113 Colleen Coughlin, 160 Colleen Coughlin. **#416, 20765 W Grass Lake Road Lindenhurst IL 60046 Ph 847.356.7950:** 813 Aaron Jozwiak, 906 Christina Hernandez, 1125 Amanda Mckimmy. **#481, 5860 N Pulaski Road Chicago IL 60646 Ph 773.654.3780:** 834 Claudia Moreno, 423 Debra Sauer, 799 Clarence Morgan, 838 Joel Blumofe, 857 Erwin Luciano Hernandez, 320 Benjamin Melnick. **#555, 6505 Oakton St Morton Grove IL 60053 Ph 847.966.1899:** 1688 Thomas Wojtczak, 1426 April Webber, 1353 Vesna Nedic. **#571, 1205 Milwaukee Ave Glenview IL 60025 Ph 847.795.0342:** 1026 Nick Kuennen, 2018 Michael Rizzo. And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at **www.StorageTreasures.com** which will end on February 23rd 2023 at 10:00 AM.

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED VACANT LOTS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the City of Chicago (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development (the "Department"), for the sale of City-owned vacant lots for neighborhood side yards, community open spaces, affordable and market rate housing, and commercial developments. The sale of property is intended to encourage the purchase and redevelopment of City-owned vacant land in line with community development priorities.

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Interested buyers must submit applications to purchase of City lots on-line at the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site. The applications period closes on February 3, 2023. Application eligibility requirements are identified on the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site.

For more information, go to Chicago.gov/blockbuilder. Questions can be directed to info@chiblockbuilder.com or call 312-935-1030.

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TO: Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Alexander Nitchoff 6120 S. Archer Road Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupants 7738 W 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. 7738 W 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Alexander Nitchoff 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Constantino Nitchoff 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Nitchoff 16568 Pasture Drive Lemont, IL 60439 Got Dumped, Inc. 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Koral Enterprises 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Fastenal 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupant 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupant 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 MAKO PROPERTIES 7742 W 61st PL Summit, IL 60501 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001533 FILED: November 22, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 16, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0001323 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2001-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7738 W. 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501 Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-13-303-005-0000, Volume 080 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 8, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 8, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 31, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 8, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 SUMMIT PARKING MANAGEMENT LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 22, 2022
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TO: S & FA LLC SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series, RA : CT Corporation System SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series Select Commercial Assets, LLC Harrison Homes, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Select Commercial, Manager of SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series Property Manager, 14727-14735 Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Eight 23 Barbershop Occupant, 14735 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14733 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14731 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14729 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14727 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Rent Collector, 14727-14735 Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Sharks Fish and Chicken Hawk-I's BBQ Boost Mobile Harrison Homes, Inc., RA: David L Anders American Management Group, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Harrison Homes, Inc., Scott Vandenberg, President American Management Group, Inc., RA & President: Nazih Nour Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000041 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000946, 21S-0000947, 21S-0000948, 21S-0000949, 21S-0000950 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14727-14735 Kedzie Avenue, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12-300-016-0000, 28-12-300-017-0000, 28-12-300-018-0000, 28-12-300-019-0000 and 28-12-300-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: Callahan Partners LLC, RA: Gerald T. Callahan Callahan Partners, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State Occupant, 14150 Western Ave., Posen, IL. 60469 Chicago Title Land Trust Company a/t/u Trust #6853 dated September 5, 1946, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company a/t/u Trust #6853 dated September 5, 1946, John A. Wunderlich, President Callahan Partners LLC, Margaret K. Callahan, Manager Occupant, 2100 W. 142nd St., Dixmoor, IL 60469 Callahan & Associates Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000042 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 17, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0001971, 21S-0001972, 21S-0001973, 21S-0001974, 21S-0001975, 21S-0001976, 21S-0001977 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2100-2104 W. 142nd Street and 14148-14132 Dixie Highway, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-06-304-013-0000, 29-06-304-014-0000, 29-06-304-015-0000, 29-06-304-016-0000, 29-06-304-017-0000, 29-06-304-018-0000, 29-06-304-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: MG Plus Construction Luis M. Gonzalez and Oscar M. Gonzalez, as co-trustees of the Zimny Real Estate Trust, under original trust agreement dated 3/29/2013 Miguel Gonzalez, president of MG-Plus Construction, Inc. MG-Plus Construction, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State MG-Plus Construction, Inc., RA: Miguel Gonzalez Property Manager / Rent Collector, 2342-2344 147th St., Posen, IL 60469 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000040 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 17, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0002020 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2011-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant triangular parcel located east and adjacent to the parcel commonly known as 2407 Walter Zimny Drive, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-07-111-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: Frank & Char Lombardo Heirs Charlotte Lombardo Salvatore Peter Lombardo Teresa Ann Lombardo Mary Nicole Sausville Joseph Lombardo Terry Lombardo Mary Sausville Charlotte Lombardo Property Manager / Rent Collector, 14100 Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Sam Lombardo Grace Essick Ann Gardner Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000038 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000676 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2006-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant parcel approximately 596.75 feet by 266.94 feet located approximately 561.88 feet east of the southeast corner of Harrison Avenue and 141st Street and further identified by the common address of 14100 Blaine Ave. in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-414-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023 Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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To: Taxpayer of 11640 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL. 60643-4843 Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Mid-City National Bank of Chicago under trust agreement dated 6/17/1988 and known as Trust No. 2105, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Mid-City National Bank of Chicago under trust agreement dated 6/17/1988 and known as Trust No. 2105 Occupant, 14213 Palmer Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 11640 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000039 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000677 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2001-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant parcel approximately 759.9 feet by 317 feet located approximately 200 feet to the north of Memorial Park located at Campbell Avenue and 143rd Street in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-416-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: Joseph Dienes Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Independent Trust Corporation, as Trustee under trust agreement dated 3/16/2987 and known as Trust No. 562, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Independent Trust Corporation, as Trustee under trust agreement dated 3/16/2987 and known as Trust No. 562 Occupant, 14433 California Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Property Manager / Rent Collector, 14433-14435 S. California Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000043 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000944 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at the south half of the building commonly known as 14433 South California (also known as 14435 South California) in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12-208-056-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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Meteorologists Phil Schwarz, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler, Larry Mowry and Greg Dutra

AccuWeather Outlook: Considerable cloudiness and breezy with a couple of snow showers; any heavier snow shower could briefly reduce visibility. Partly cloudy tonight.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Day / Night				COLD / COLD		COLD /
High	36	30	29	20	17	23
Low	21	27	13	5	11	18
	Cloudy with snow showers; breezy	Cloudy, a little snow at times	Rather cloudy with a little snow; breezy	Decreasing clouds and bitterly cold	Mostly cloudy, snow possible; frigid	Mostly sunny and quite cold
POP	85%	85%	65%	10%	35%	10%
Winds	SSW 12-25 mph	SE 8-16 mph	NNE 12-25 mph	NW 7-14 mph	W 6-12 mph	WSW 7-14 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Friday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	0	6	13	17	21	24	24

Friday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fishing Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Thursday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	32
Low	22
Normal high	31
Normal low	18
Record high	62 (1944)
Record low	-16 (1897)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Thursday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	30	18	30	14
Gary	33	21	33	19
Kankakee	32	19	32	16
Lansing	31	20	32	17
Midway	32	21	33	19
Romeoville	32	18	32	16
Valparaiso	32	21	34	18
Waukegan	32	27	30	15

Thursday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Thursday*	0.04”	0.00”	0.05”
Month to date	2.35”	0.77”	1.71”
Year to date	2.35”	0.77”	1.71”
Snowfall			
Thursday*	0.9”	Trace	0.4”
Month to date	6.3”	10.6”	9.3”
Season to date	10.6”	12.5”	18.9”

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Thursday

Air Quality Index

Thursday's reading

Moderate

Friday's forecast

Moderate

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

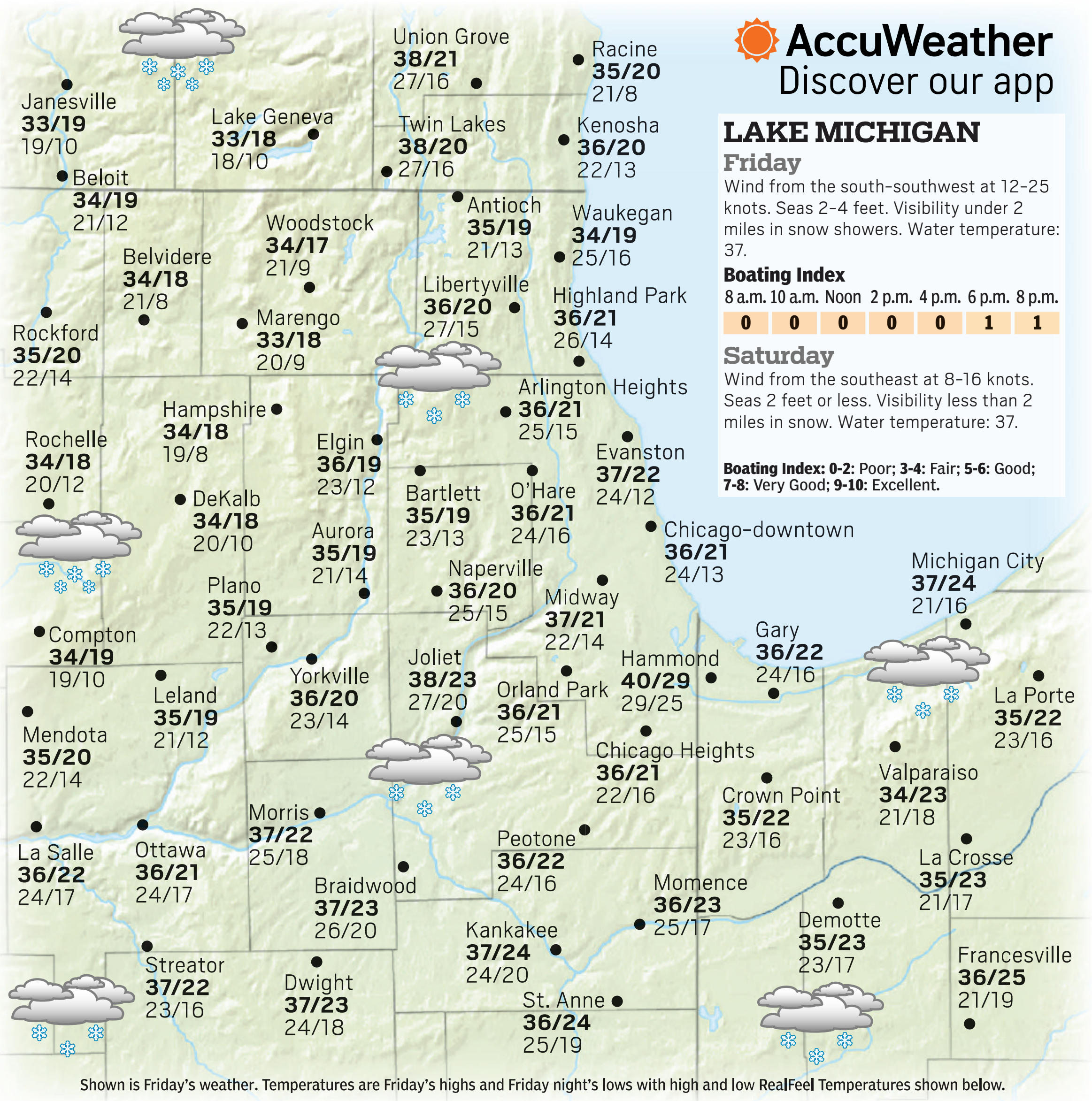
	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	4:59 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Moonrise	10:30 a.m.	10:54 a.m.
Moonset	none	12:12 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 28	Feb 5	Feb 13	Feb 20

Friday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:37 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Venus	8:20 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Mars	12:14 p.m.	3:36 a.m.
Jupiter	9:37 a.m.	9:51 p.m.
Saturn	8:05 a.m.	6:26 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:40 a.m.


Union Grove 38/21 27/16
Racine 35/20 21/8
Janesville 33/19 19/10
Lake Geneva 33/18 18/10
Twin Lakes 38/20 27/16
Kenosha 36/20 22/13
Beloit 34/19 21/12
Woodstock 34/17 21/9
Antioch 35/19 21/13
Waukegan 34/19 25/16
Belvidere 34/18 21/8
Libertyville 36/20 27/15
Highland Park 36/21 26/14
Rockford 35/20 22/14
Marengo 33/18 20/9
Arlington Heights 36/21 25/15
Hampshire 34/18 19/8
Rochelle 34/18 20/12
Elgin 36/19 23/12
Evanston 37/22 24/12
Bartlett 35/19 23/13
O'Hare 36/21 24/16
DeKalb 34/18 20/10
Aurora 35/19 21/14
Chicago-downtown 36/21 24/13
Plano 35/19 22/13
Naperville 36/20 25/15
Michigan City 37/24 21/16
Midway 37/21 22/14
Compton 34/19 19/10
Gary 36/22 24/16
Hammond 40/29 29/25
Joliet 38/23 27/20
Leland 35/19 21/12
Yorkville 36/20 23/14
Orland Park 36/21 25/15
La Porte 35/22 23/16
Mendota 35/20 22/14
Chicago Heights 36/21 22/16
Valparaiso 34/23 21/18
Crown Point 35/22 23/16
Morris 37/22 25/18
La Salle 36/22 24/17
Ottawa 36/21 24/17
La Crosse 35/23 21/17
Peotone 36/22 24/16
Braidwood 37/23 26/20
Momence 36/23 25/17
Demotte 35/23 23/17
Kankakee 37/24 24/20
Streator 37/22 23/16
Francesville 36/25 21/19
Dwight 37/23 24/18
St. Anne 36/24 25/19

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Friday's highs and Friday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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Friday

Wind from the south-southwest at 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility under 2 miles in snow showers. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Saturday

Wind from the southeast at 8-16 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in snow. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

WEATHER HISTORY

A five-day blizzard began Jan. 27, 1966, around Oswego, N.Y. Accumulation reached 102 inches with 50 inches falling on Jan. 31 alone. Areas downwind of the Great Lakes are renowned for lake-effect snow squalls.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What percentage of sunlight is reflected by snowcover?

A: 75 to 95 percent.

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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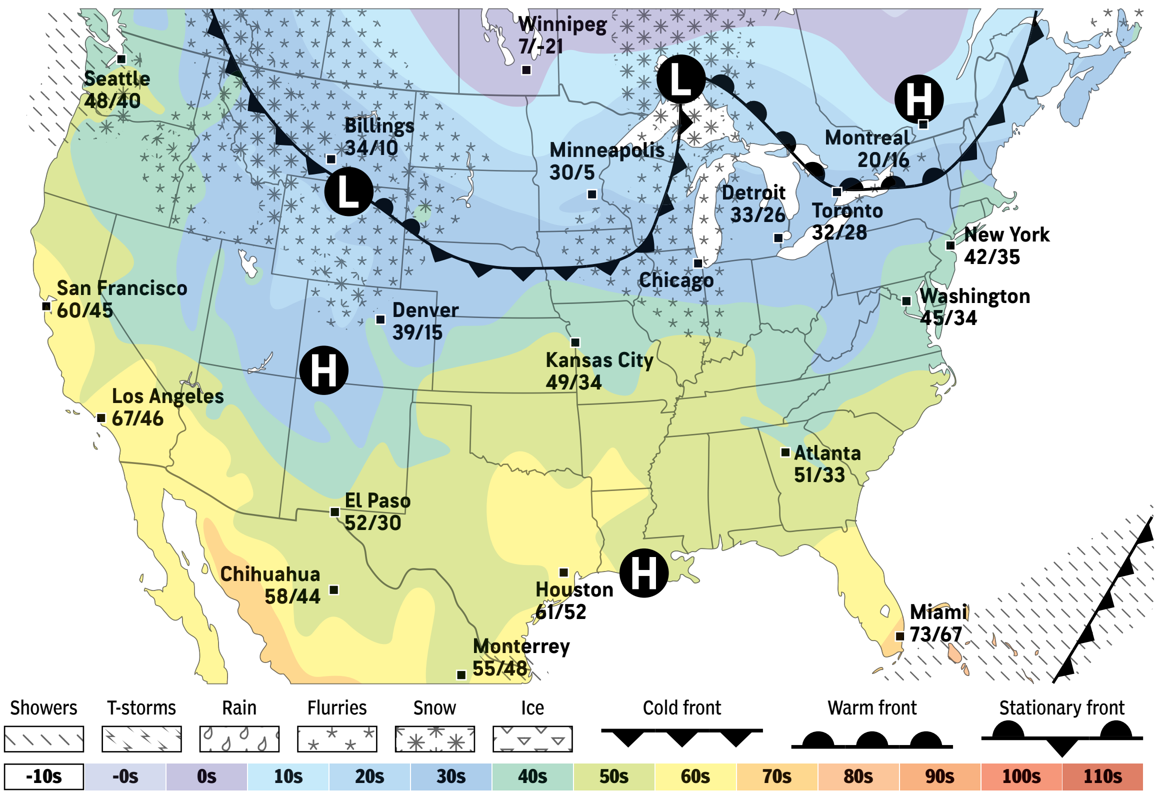
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.


Winnipeg 7/-21
Seattle 48/40
Billings 34/10
Minneapolis 30/5
Montreal 20/16
Detroit 33/26
Toronto 32/28
New York 42/35
Chicago
San Francisco 60/45
Denver 39/15
Washington 45/34
Kansas City 49/34
Los Angeles 67/46
Atlanta 51/33
El Paso 52/30
Chihuahua 58/44
Houston 61/52
Miami 73/67
Monterrey 55/48
L
H
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Cold front
Warm front
Stationary front
-10s
-0s
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10s
20s
30s
40s
50s
60s
70s
80s
90s
100s
110s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	47/29/c	52/39/pc
Champaign	38/27/sf	43/27/c
Decatur	41/28/c	46/28/c
Moline	38/21/sf	28/14/sn
Peoria	39/24/sf	35/19/sn
Quincy	43/27/c	42/19/c
Rockford	35/20/sn	25/14/sn
Springfield	42/27/c	44/22/c
Sterling	36/21/sf	28/16/sn
Indiana		
Bloomington	44/31/c	50/41/c
Evansville	49/32/c	54/43/c
Fort Wayne	36/27/sf	34/30/c
Indianapolis	40/28/sf	44/37/c
Lafayette	39/26/sf	39/30/sn
South Bend	36/22/sf	32/26/sn
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	31/10/sn	18/4/c
Kenosha	36/20/sn	28/19/sn
La Crosse	32/11/sn	16/0/sn
Madison	32/15/sn	19/9/sn
Milwaukee	36/19/sn	26/17/sn
Wausau	27/6/sn	15/-1/c
Michigan		
Detroit	33/26/sn	31/29/sf
Grand Rapids	33/24/sn	27/20/sn
Marquette	24/8/sn	13/1/sf
Sault Ste. Marie	30/17/sn	19/4/sf
Traverse City	33/19/sn	24/16/sf
Iowa		
Ames	36/16/sn	20/-1/sn
Cedar Rapids	35/18/sf	20/5/sn
Des Moines	38/19/sf	23/1/sn
Dubuque	32/15/sn	20/9/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	60/44/pc	67/34/c	Fairbanks	13/5/c	21/8/sn	Palm Beach	71/66/c	77/72/c
Albany, NY	34/26/c	42/29/c	Fargo	17/-13/sn	-4/-17/c	Palm Springs	68/44/s	66/45/s
Albuquerque	42/23/s	47/27/s	Flagstaff	41/13/s	39/19/s	Philadelphia	42/32/pc	51/37/pc
Amarillo	51/28/s	52/16/pc	Fort Myers	66/57/s	77/65/s	Phoenix	62/38/s	65/41/s
Anchorage	28/25/s	32/25/c	Fort Smith	59/36/s	51/41/pc	Pittsburgh	34/31/sf	43/37/c
Asheville	45/25/s	53/36/s	Fresno	62/38/pc	60/42/pc	Portland, ME	36/21/pc	40/27/pc
Aspen	25/14/sn	26/12/sn	Grand Junction	33/23/pc	36/23/c	Portland, OR	50/42/sh	44/27/sh
Atlanta	51/33/s	56/40/pc	Great Falls	35/6/sn	9/-12/sn	Providence	42/30/pc	46/33/pc
Atlantic City	43/35/pc	48/40/pc	Harrisburg	40/28/pc	48/35/pc	Raleigh	50/31/s	58/36/s
Austin	60/48/pc	64/60/sh	Hartford	42/29/pc	47/32/pc	Rapid City	40/10/sf	14/-4/sn
Baltimore	44/31/pc	53/37/pc	Helena, MT	38/12/sn	17/-10/sn	Reno	53/25/s	47/28/pc
Billings	34/10/sn	13/-6/sn	Honolulu	80/66/r	78/66/sh	Richmond	47/32/pc	56/35/s
Birmingham	53/33/pc	58/45/pc	Houston	61/52/pc	68/63/sh	Rochester	33/29/sf	35/29/sn
Bismarck	23/-6/c	0/-12/c	Int'l Falls	17/-12/sn	0/-25/s	Sacramento	61/37/s	57/40/pc
Boise	44/28/c	39/22/c	Jackson, MS	57/35/s	62/50/c	St. Louis	51/33/c	51/29/c
Boston	40/33/pc	46/35/pc	Jacksonville	60/34/s	61/48/pc	Salem, OR	50/41/sh	43/27/c
Brownsville	66/62/sh	75/67/c	Juneau	41/23/pc	37/21/s	Salt Lake City	42/32/c	41/29/sf
Buffalo	33/29/sf	34/29/sn	Kansas City	49/34/c	47/14/pc	San Antonio	58/47/pc	62/59/c
Burlington, VT	31/26/c	37/25/sn	Las Vegas	57/36/s	57/39/s	San Diego	67/47/s	62/53/pc
Charleston, SC	56/32/s	59/40/s	Lexington	46/35/c	54/39/pc	San Francisco	60/45/pc	57/47/pc
Charleston, WV	41/37/sf	51/37/pc	Lincoln	44/26/c	29/1/sn	San Juan	81/71/sh	81/71/pc
Charlotte	50/31/s	57/35/s	Little Rock	59/38/s	51/44/sh	Santa Fe	37/18/s	42/20/s
Chattanooga	51/31/c	57/42/pc	Los Angeles	67/46/s	63/51/pc	Savannah	56/32/s	59/42/s
Cheyenne	35/14/c	20/-2/sn	Louisville	50/36/c	54/43/pc	Seattle	48/40/sh	43/29/sh
Cincinnati	44/33/c	50/40/c	Macon	53/26/s	61/35/s	Shreveport	62/42/s	63/56/c
Cleveland	36/32/sf	38/35/c	Memphis	56/39/s	53/48/pc	Sioux Falls	31/4/sn	10/-8/sn
Colorado Spgs	46/25/pc	34/7/sn	Miami	73/67/c	78/72/c	Spokane	37/25/sn	27/7/pc
Columbia, MO	49/33/c	52/21/c	Minneapolis	30/5/sn	7/-4/c	Syracuse	35/30/sf	39/30/sn
Columbia, SC	52/30/s	59/33/s	Mobile	56/35/pc	62/48/c	Tallahassee	57/33/pc	63/44/pc
Columbus, OH	38/33/sf	46/41/c	Montgomery	55/30/s	60/40/pc	Tampa	66/48/s	72/64/pc
Concord	36/16/pc	39/20/sn	Nashville	54/36/c	57/43/pc	Topeka	52/34/c	47/14/pc
Corpus Christi	63/58/c	74/64/c	New Orleans	59/43/pc	68/58/pc	Tucson	63/37/s	67/38/s
Dallas	62/48/s	61/44/c	New York City	42/35/pc	48/41/pc	Tulsa	57/43/s	58/25/pc
Daytona Beach	62/44/s	71/62/s	Norfolk	48/34/pc	55/37/s	Washington, DC	45/34/pc	51/40/pc
Denver	39/15/c	22/1/sn	Oklahoma City	55/40/s	60/20/c	Wichita	54/34/s	51/14/s
Duluth	21/-5/sn	5/-16/pc	Omaha	40/22/c	25/1/sn	Wilkes-Barre	36/32/c	44/37/c
El Paso	52/30/c	58/35/pc	Orlando	66/47/s	72/60/s	Yuma	67/41/s	68/42/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/69/s	86/70/s	Kyiv	32/22/c	33/23/c
Algiers	51/41/r	50/43/r	Lima	78/69/pc	77/68/c
Amsterdam	42/29/pc	42/37/pc	Lisbon	56/40/s	54/36/s
Ankara	47/33/c	47/32/pc	London	45/31/c	44/39/s
Athens	57/45/r	57/46/c	Madrid	49/29/s	49/25/s
Auckland	72/68/r	79/66/c	Manila	86/76/c	87/75/pc
Baghdad	63/41/pc	64/49/c	Mexico City	75/41/s	77/47/s
Bangkok	90/69/pc	86/65/pc	Monterrey	55/48/r	72/55/pc
Barbados	82/72/pc	82/73/pc	Montreal	20/16/s	37/15/sn
Barcelona	50/37/pc	50/37/s	Moscow	32/21/sn	25/23/c
Beijing	36/18/pc	43/20/pc	Munich	32/27/c	33/23/c
Beirut	72/62/s	71/57/pc	Nairobi	82/59/s	83/59/s
Berlin	37/26/sf	35/27/pc	Nassau	80/71/r	78/71/r
Bermuda	73/64/sh	70/60/c	New Delhi	67/47/pc	71/51/pc
Bogota	69/44/pc	69/42/s	Oslo	26/20/pc	37/30/s
Brussels	39/30/pc	39/32/pc	Ottawa	19/15/c	32/13/sn
Bucharest	34/31/sn	34/30/c	Panama City	91/73/pc	90/71/s
Budapest	37/30/c	39/27/c	Paris	39/36/pc	41/28/pc
Bueno Aires	81/72/t	83/72/pc	Prague	32/27/sf	29/16/c
Cairo	81/63/pc	79/57/pc	Rio de Janeiro	85/76/pc	86/76/t
Cancun	78/73/sh	82/74/sh	Riyadh	62/41/s	63/43/s
Caracas	85/71/s	86/71/s	Rome	51/39/pc	53/34/s
Casablanca	59/39/pc	56/31/pc	Santiago	88/57/s	92/57/s
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Johannesburg	82/58/pc	89/63/s	Vienna	34/29/c	34/27/c
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BUSINESS

Data center proposed for Aurora

East Side site would be anchored by unreleased Fortune 100 company

By Steve Lord
The Beacon-News

A new data center proposed in Aurora could be anchored by a Fortune 100 company in an area on the city's far East Side already known for its high-tech businesses.

City Council members on the Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee on Wednesday recommended a plan revision and preliminary plan for a data center on the southwest corner of Bilter and Eola roads in Aurora.

The proposal still needs to be voted on by the full City Council.

The site is just across Interstate 88 from the intersection of Eola and Diehl roads that includes Cyrus One, which handles data for the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and Scientel Solutions, a wireless telecommunications and systems integration company.

Developers said this week they cannot say which company would anchor the new data center, but it would be either Apple, Google, Microsoft or Amazon.

"By attracting Fortune 100 companies, this is truly becoming a tech corridor along I-88," said Alex Alexandrou, the city's chief management officer. "We're very excited about this opportunity to generate this kind of activity without much impact."

A spokesman for Seefried Properties, developer of the data center, said the site would generate little traffic - about 60 cars a day and only very occasional trucks - and would never become a warehouse-distribution use. The company is using no city incentives, and between the developer and eventual owner, Endeavour Edged Electric, a global data center operator that would own and operate the property, the investment would be about $500,000.

He said the company estimates it would generate about $3.4 million a year in utility taxes for the city, and about $800,000 in real estate taxes. It would generate between 40 to 60 high-tech full-time jobs, and about 2,000 construction jobs over a three- to five-year period, officials said.

Data centers are high users of electricity and water, and one of the attractions for the site is that it is near a ComEd substation and a redundant fiber network, according to a spokesman for the developer.

A spokesman for Edged Energy said it would use technologies that would result in zero water impact and zero carbon emissions.

The plan is to eventually have three buildings on the property along Bilter Road, with the shell for the first one being done by December 2023, the Seefried spokesman said. He said the company plans to make a design that somewhat mitigates the almost prison-like look of a data center, which has high-level security.

"A lot of data centers want to look very fortressy," he said. "We work to soften that."

One element the company will add along Bilter Road — across the street from the African Methodist Episcopal Church on the north side of Bilter — is a public electric vehicle charging station, along with several retail spots at the edge of the first data center building.

Officials said they will start with five charging stations and could add more. The retail spots could include something like a coffee shop, where people could wait for their cars to charge, development officials said.

The development is part of the Butterfield Planned Development District, some 1,200 acres that was annexed to Aurora in the 1970s. This is the last 100 acres left. The property is divided into two parcels, and the Edged Energy development would be on the first parcel.

Alexandrou said the Mayor's Office of Economic Development will work to help market the second parcel to the west.

Bilter Road is part of the Eola Road interchange that represents about a $7 million investment over 13 years by city officials to get done. Alexandrou said there are some people who wanted retail or hotel-like development on the property, but he said the proposed data center development is a low-impact use, neighborhood friendly and a high return, revenue-wise, for the property.

"The city made a significant investment in this intersection, so it's time to start recouping that," he said.

Ald. Sherman Jenkins, at large, was a little concerned about a concrete wall intended to shield a substation that ComEd intends to build there eventually. He called the wall "massive," and the "Great Wall of China," and asked if there could be something to shield it more.

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Marc Goldberg, right, chats with fellow Waxberg's Walk Shoppe employee Mickey Shapiro, standing, and customers Jim and Sharon Martig at the Niles shoe store. **PAM DEFIGLIO/PIONEER PRESS**

Family-owned shoe store gets comfortable fit with new owners

By Caroline Kubzansky
Pioneer Press

A longtime independent shoe store, Waxberg's Walk Shoppe on Dempster Street in Niles, has new owners who say customers can expect the same comfort brands and experienced shoe fitters the store has always offered, as well as a pedorthist.

Wisconsin-based, family-owned company Stan's Fit For Your Feet purchased the store from the Waxberg family at the end of last year, company President and CEO Jim Sajdak said.

Sadjak and former owner Ron Waxberg are longtime friends and when Waxberg began thinking about retirement, the idea that the Sajdak family might take over the business "was a natural fit," he said.

Marketing Director Megan Sajdak said the acquisition was an obvious next step as the family looks to expand its business. She and her three brothers are all involved in the business, which has three locations in Wisconsin and also owns three other shoe stores. They said they plan to keep much of what's kept Waxberg's in business for the last 103 years. Waxberg's is a third-generation family business that has been in operation since 1919; Stan's has been a family business since 1950, according to a company news release.

"We share a lot of the same brands … but we're going to bring in some lines that we think will do well in that area, that maybe the Waxberg's customers have not seen before," Jim Sajdak said.

He added that "We were really fortunate … to retain [Waxberg's] entire staff, which is great for continuity," he added.

"There's some really seasoned veterans there that are just delightful to have as part of our team. These guys really know what they're doing."

Longtime Waxberg's customer Phyllis DeBlasio, who was shopping at the store Monday, said she keeps coming to the store because the staff is knowledgeable and attentive.

"These guys give good advice," she said, nodding towards Andrew Hondropoulos, assistant manager. "They take care of you, they really do."

Megan Sajdak said store customers might see a digital foot scanner or other technology updates in the coming months, as well as some visual interior updates to the store itself.

The family is excited to get to know the Niles business community, the Sajdaks said.

"We're excited to be on Dempster because it's really a great, busy street," Jim Sajdak said. "There couldn't be a better spot for us. We're just excited to be there."

He added that they've been in contact with the village Chamber of Commerce and are looking forward to being involved with the community through events and charity drives.

"We're going to be working with different doctors in the area, fitness centers, different ladies' nights," Megan said.

They're also on the lookout for different races and runs to be involved in and are planning a "share the pair" shoe drive to collect gently used shoes for a local nonprofit in the village, she said.

A tale of two airlines

Big profit at American and loss at Southwest

By David Koenig and Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines and two smaller carriers gave more proof Thursday of the recovery in air travel, posting better-than-expected profit for the fourth quarter, while Southwest Airlines lost money because of massive flight cancellations last month.

Southwest said it also expects another loss in the first quarter while saying it was encouraged by booking trends for March.

Southwest reported a $220 million loss after taking a hit of $800 million from canceling nearly 17,000 flights over the last 10 days of December.

The airline had signaled it would lose money, but the adjusted loss of 38 cents per share was worse than the 7 cents per share that Wall Street expected.

Shares of the company slid 4.7% in morning trading.

The Transportation Department is investigating whether Southwest scheduled more flights than it could realistically expect to handle, which it says would violate federal laws against deceptive trade practices. Southwest says its schedule was "thoughtfully designed" and the airline had ample staffing.

Southwest blames an "unprecedented storm" that swept the country around Christmas. Other airlines recovered more quickly, while widespread cancellations at Southwest dragged on for days at Chicago's Midway Airport and other major hubs.

Travelers wait to recover their luggage from the hundreds of bags stranded by major Southwest Airlines service interruptions at Midway International Airport on Dec. 27. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

On Thursday, CEO Robert Jordan again apologized for the meltdown.

"We have swiftly taken steps to bolster our operational resilience and are undergoing a detailed review of the December events," he said. The Dallas company has hired outside experts and created a committee of its board to review the events and reexamine Southwest's technology priorities.

Cowen analyst Helane Becker said in a client note that Southwest's cancellation of flights during the holiday season appears to be having a lingering impact.

"Issues from the over 16,700 flight cancellations over the holiday period appear to be spilling over into (the first quarter) as revenue guidance is below our and Street expectations given a deceleration in recent bookings," Becker wrote.

Meanwhile, American reported a profit of $803 million. Excluding special items, earnings per share totaled $1.17. Analysts expected $1 per share, according to a FactSet survey.

Revenue was a fourth-quarter record of $13.19 billion, a 40% increase from a year earlier and better than analysts expected, leading to record annual revenue.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier returned to a profit for the full year and forecast 2023 earnings in a range of $2.50 to $3.50 per share. For the first quarter, American expects to break even, based on demand and fuel trends.

The stock slipped 1.3%.

American's results added to the picture of strong demand for air travel that was reflected in an $843 million profit for United Airlines and $828 million for Delta Air Lines.

Elsewhere in the sector, JetBlue Airways Corp. said Thursday it moved to a profit in its fourth quarter after reporting a loss in the year-ago period. The airline earned $24 million, or 7 cents per share. Its adjusted profit was 22 cents per share, beating Wall Street's view of 19 cents per share.

US economy slows some, still records solid growth

Consumer spending contributes to 2.9% rise in GDP during final quarter of '22

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy expanded at a 2.9% annual pace from October through December, ending 2022 with momentum despite the pressure of high interest rates and widespread fears of a looming recession.

Thursday's estimate from the Commerce Department showed that the nation's gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of economic output — decelerated last quarter from the 3.2% annual growth rate it had posted from July through September. Most economists think the economy will slow further in the current quarter and slide into at least a mild recession by midyear.

The economy got a boost last quarter from resilient consumer spending and the restocking of supplies by businesses. Federal government spending also helped lift GDP. But with higher mortgage rates undercutting residential real estate, investment in housing plummeted at a 27% annual rate for a second straight quarter.

For all of 2022, GDP expanded 2.1% after growing 5.9% in 2021.

The economy's expected slowdown in the months ahead is an intended consequence of the Federal Reserve's aggressive series of rate increases. The Fed's hikes are meant to reduce growth, cool spending and crush the worst inflation bout in four decades. Last year, the Fed raised its benchmark rate seven times. It is set to do so again next week, though likely by a smaller amount.

The resilience of the U.S. job market has been a major surprise. Last year, employers added 4.5 million jobs, second only to the 6.7 million that were added in 2021 in government records going back to 1940. And last month's unemployment rate, 3.5%, matched a 53-year low.

But the good times for America's workers aren't likely to last. As higher rates make borrowing and spending increasingly expensive across the economy, many consumers will spend less and employers will likely hire less.

"Recent data suggest that the pace of expansion could slow sharply in (the current quarter) as the effects of restrictive monetary policy take hold," Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, wrote in a report.

Consumer spending, which fuels about 70% of the entire economy, rose at a sturdy 2.1% annual rate from October through December, down slightly from 2.3% in the previous quarter.

More recent numbers, including a 1.1% drop in retail sales last month, indicate that consumers have begun to pull back.

Economists at Bank of America expect growth to slow to a 1.5% annual rate in the January-March quarter and then to contract for the rest of the year — by a 0.5% rate in the second quarter, 2% in the third and 1.5% in the fourth.

The Fed has been responding to an inflation rate that, though gradually easing, remains stubbornly high. Year-over-year inflation was at a 9.1% rate in June, the highest level in more than 40 years. It has since cooled — to 6.5% in December — but is still far above the Fed's 2% annual target.

Kona Purdy and his family gather last month in one of two bedrooms they share in a house they rent with extended family in Kapolei, Hawaii. The family moved to Las Vegas in 2017 to escape Hawaii's high cost of living but returned last year. **JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER/AP 2022**

PRICED OUT OF HAWAII

Native Hawaiians shed busy lives of 'trying to make ends meet' for cheaper spots to live

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher
Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Kona Purdy never wanted to live anywhere but Hawaii. As a Native Hawaiian, he wanted his children to grow up like he did: rooted in their culture, and nourished by the mountains and ocean.

But raising a family in Hawaii meant squeezing nine people into a four-bedroom house — rented with extended family — in Waipahu, a Honolulu suburb. It felt cramped, but the Purdys accepted that this was the price to survive in their homeland.

"We stuffed ourselves into one room," Purdy said of his four-member family's living arrangements.

Their share of the monthly rent was $2,300. When rent increased, the Purdys realized that they could no longer afford to live in Hawaii.

"I was so busy working, trying to make ends meet," he said. "We never took our kids out to the beach."

It's increasingly common for Hawaii residents to be priced out of the Aloha State, where the median price for a single-family home topped $900,000 during the pandemic. On Oahu, the most populous island and where Honolulu is, the median price is more than $1 million.

A state analysis last year showed that a single person working 40 hours a week would need to earn $18 an hour to pay for housing and other necessities in Hawaii, but the state minimum wage is $12 an hour.

Many, like the Purdys, have headed to Las Vegas.

According to 2021 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, the biggest growth of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations was in Clark County, Nevada, which includes Las Vegas, and Sacramento County, California.

Las Vegas was desirable to the Purdys because it's a popular vacation destination for Hawaii residents, which meant family would likely visit often. Also, the cost of living is lower.

So in 2017, they uprooted their family and moved to Henderson, a Las Vegas suburb in Clark County, where they could afford to rent a two-bedroom apartment for $1,000 a month.

But thanks to many other transplants, the Las Vegas area is full of restaurants catering to Hawaiian taste and cultural events expressing Hawaiian pride.

A few months after they moved, about 20 other relatives followed them. But in August 2021, four years after leaving Hawaii, the Purdys moved back home.

Purdy said that his wife wanted to take care of her mother, who began showing signs of dementia. Their daughter also got accepted to Kamehameha Schools, a relatively affordable private school system that gives admissions preference to students with Hawaiian ancestry.

The family moved to Kapolei, a Honolulu suburb, to share a five-bedroom house with their extended family. Now that the Purdys have three children, they rent two of the bedrooms.

"It's a grind, it's hard, it's really expensive," he said. "But I also feel like we're exactly where we're supposed to be right now."

Help may be on the way.

Hawaii Gov. Josh Green proposed this week investing $1 billion in affordable housing and giving tax breaks to people of all income levels to lower the cost of living in the islands.

Green said every family of four could expect to get $2,000 in tax relief under his plan, while lower-income residents would get more.

US: Prolific ransomware gang taken down

By Eric Tucker and Frank Bajak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI and international partners have at least temporarily dismantled the network of a prolific ransomware gang they infiltrated last year, saving victims including hospitals and school districts a potential $130 million in ransom payments, Attorney General Merrick Garland and other U.S. officials announced Thursday.

"Simply put, using lawful means we hacked the hackers," Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said at a news conference.

Officials said the targeted syndicate, known as Hive, operates one of the world's top five ransomware networks and has heavily targeted hospitals and other health care providers. The FBI gained access to its control panel in July and was able to obtain software keys to decrypt the network of some 1,300 victims globally, said FBI Director Christopher Wray. Officials credited German police and other international partners.

It was not immediately clear how the takedown will affect Hive's long-term operations, however. Officials did not announce any arrests but said they were building a map of Hive's administrators, who manage the software, and affiliates, who infect targets and negotiate with victims, to pursue prosecutions.

"I think anyone involved with Hive should be concerned because this investigation is ongoing," Wray said.

On Wednesday night, FBI agents seized computer infrastructure in Los Angeles that was used to support the network. Two Hive dark web sites were seized: one used for leaking data of nonpaying victims, the other for negotiating extortion payments.

"Cybercrime is a constantly evolving threat, but … the Justice Department will spare no resource to bring to justice anyone anywhere that targets the United States with a ransomware attack," Wray said.

A U.S. government advisory last year said Hive ransomware actors victimized over 1,300 companies worldwide from June 2021 through last November, receiving about $100 million in ransom payments.

Boeing says it's not guilty of fraud in Max crashes

By David Koenig
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Boeing pleaded not guilty Thursday to a fraud charge in an unusual case in which families of passengers who died in two plane crashes are trying to throw out a settlement the company reached to avoid prosecution.

At a hearing dominated by emotional, wrenching testimony from passengers' relatives, a federal district judge took the plea and ordered Boeing not to break any laws for the next year.

The judge delayed ruling on a request by the families to appoint a special monitor to examine safety issues at the aerospace giant. Boeing and the Justice Department opposed the request.

More than a dozen relatives of passengers on a Boeing 737 Max that crashed in 2019 in Ethiopia — less than five months after a Max crashed in Indonesia — held nothing back as they testified about their loss. The crashes killed a combined total of 346 people.

Boeing's chief aerospace safety officer and lawyers for the company and the Justice Department sat just feet away but showed no reaction to any of the stories.

The Justice Department investigated Boeing after the second Max crash and settled the case in January 2021. With the settlement, the government agreed not to prosecute Boeing on a charge of defrauding the United States by deceiving regulators who approved the plane. In exchange, the company paid $2.5 billion, including a $243.6 million fine.

The fate of the settlement could rest with Judge Reed O'Connor. He carved a path for the families to challenge the settlement by ruling last November that the Justice Department had violated federal law by not consulting with crime victims before what amounted to a plea deal.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Chipotle ready to add 15K workers

Chipotle Mexican Grill, the fast-casual food chain, said Thursday that it plans to hire 15,000 people before its busiest time of year, a sharp contrast to the other large companies that are laying off employees because of pandemic overexpansion and worries about the economy.

The company said in a statement that it was preparing for what it described as "burrito season," which runs from March to May, the time of year when Chipotle said it typically brings in the most business.

The company employs more than 100,000 people at more than 3,000 restaurants. Its long-term plan calls for eventually running 7,000 outlets across North America.

The hiring comes as many companies are shedding staff and cutting costs.

30-year mortgage rate inches down

The average long-term U.S. mortgage rate fell to its lowest level in more than four months, giving some relief to homebuyers faced with higher prices for just about everything, including homes.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average on the benchmark 30-year rate inched down to 6.13% from 6.15% last week. A year ago the average rate was 3.55%.

The average long-term rate reached a two-decade high of 7.08% in late October and early November as the Federal Reserve continued to raise its key lending rate in a bid to cool the economy and tame inflation.

The rate for a 15-year mortgage, popular with those refinancing their homes, also fell this week, to 5.17% from 5.28% last week.

GDP

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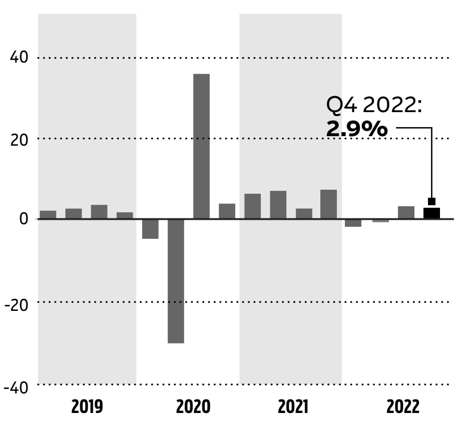

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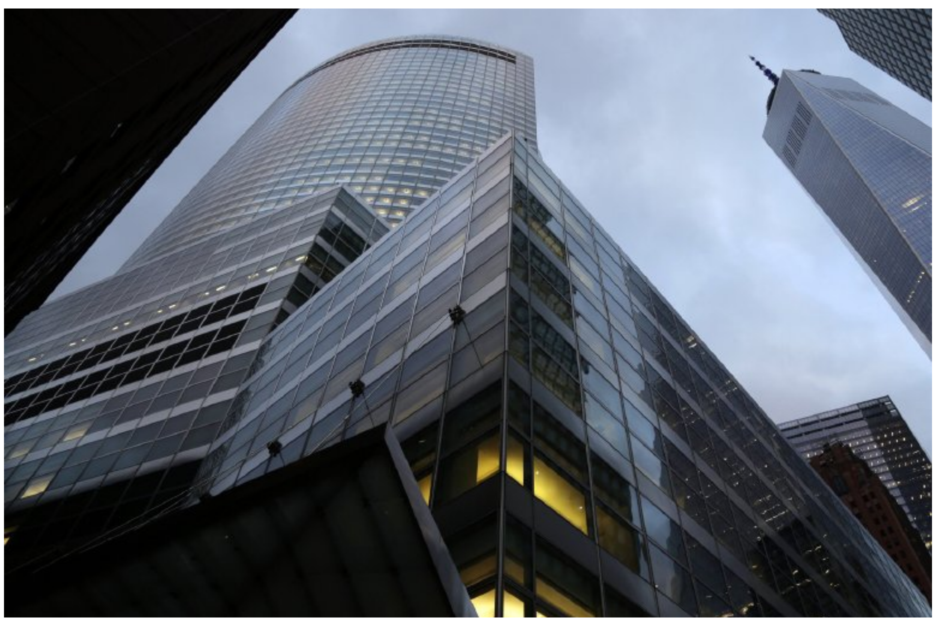


The storied investment bank Goldman Sachs, its New York headquarters seen here, signaled a partial retreat from its efforts to build up a consumer banking business. **PETER MORGAN/AP**

Goldman Sachs reconsiders consumer banking services

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs no longer wants to be the bank for everyone.

The storied investment bank spent eight years attempting to expand its business beyond corporations and the wealthy. But in recent months, Goldman has signaled a partial retreat from those efforts by scrapping plans for a checking account broadly available to the public and mothballing its personal loan business. A popular savings account and a credit card business survive for now.

Last week, the bank disclosed that it had accumulated $3 billion in losses in its consumer banking franchise since 2020, mostly money set aside to cover potential loan losses in its Marcus personal loan business. Bank regulators are reportedly looking into whether the consumer business had proper safeguards in place as it grew larger.

The retreat in consumer banking comes as Goldman tries to refocus on its roots: advising corporations on deals, investing and trading, and servicing the well-to-do. The firm's revenue from investment banking, trading and wealth management made up two-thirds of total revenue last year.

"I think it became clear to us early in 2022 that we were doing too much, it was affecting our execution," said David Solomon, Goldman's chairman and CEO, in a call with analysts when the bank reported its results this month.

Goldman's push into consumer banking was one of the biggest changes in the firm's 154-year history. The investment bank had to legally convert itself into a bank holding company in 2008 during the financial crisis to get access to the Federal Reserve's emergency funding operations. That led to jokes within the industry that the Wall Street titan was going to issue something as commonplace as an ATM card.

The jokes became a reality when Goldman bought the assets of GE Capital and launched its online-only savings account providing an above-market interest rate. The savings account became an unexpected hit for Goldman both in the U.S. and later in the U.K.

The online savings account is not going away, and is considered an asset by the firm, Solomon told investors. The firm now holds more than $100 billion in retail deposits, which is a cheap form of capital for the investment bank that historically hasn't had access to such forms of financing.

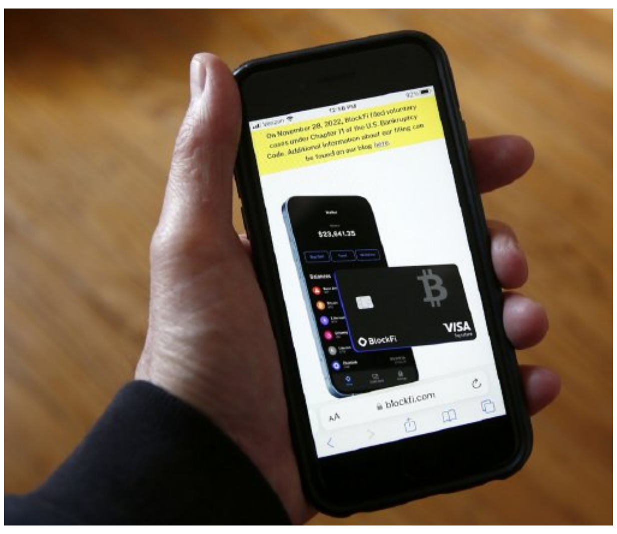
The personal loan business, launched with great fanfare in 2016 with a broad advertising campaign under the brand Marcus, has been a trouble spot for the bank.

The unsecured personal loans, largely used by customers to consolidate credit card debt, became a burden during the coronavirus pandemic when millions of Americans could no longer pay their bills.

The bank set aside billions of dollars to cover potentially bad loans and, unlike other big banks that were able to release those reserves in 2021 and 2022, Goldman largely had to keep adding to its reserves. New accounting standards that have required banks to model potential loan losses more aggressively also contributed to the decision to wind down the personal loan business.

Crypto firms acted like banks ahead of stunning implosions

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press



A text at the top of this phone's screen announces BlockFi's filing for bankruptcy protection. **PETER MORGAN/AP 2022**

NEW YORK — Over the past few years, a number of companies have attempted to act as the cryptocurrency equivalent of a bank, promising lucrative returns to customers who deposited their bitcoin or other digital assets.

In a span of less than 12 months, nearly all of the biggest of those companies have failed spectacularly. Last week, Genesis filed Chapter 11, joining Voyager Digital, Celsius and BlockFi on the list of companies that have either filed for bankruptcy protection or gone out of business.

This subset of the industry grew as cryptocurrency enthusiasts were looking to build their own parallel world in finance, untethered to traditional banking and government-issued currencies. But lacking safeguards, and without a government backstop, these companies failed in domino-like fashion. What started with one crypto company collapsing in May spilled over onto one crypto lending firm and then the next.

Further, government regulators started clamping down on crypto lending companies' ability to advertise their services, saying that their products should have been regulated by securities regulators.

The collapse is reminiscent of the 2008 financial crisis, but on a smaller scale. There are no worries the crypto firms' collapse will impact the broader economy.

Crypto lending companies like Voyager, Genesis and BlockFi were trying to do what banks do in traditional finance: take in crypto deposits, give depositors a dividend, and then make loans to earn a profit. It's what the banking industry has done for hundreds of years, but with government-sanctioned currencies.

The biggest drawback to crypto lending is the lack of safeguards. There is no deposit insurance, government stopgap, or even a privately run entity to protect depositors if their crypto bank were to fail. This was fine when crypto prices were surging because the collateral banks were accepting was increasing in value. Demand for crypto deposits was so high, firms were willing to pay a yield of 10% of more on depositors' crypto holdings.

But then crypto prices started falling and kept falling. Bitcoin plunged from over $65,000 in November 2021 to below $17,000 last November. As a result, much of the underlying collateral these firms were holding became worth less than the loans they had issued, effectively making several "crypto banks" insolvent.

The first two crypto lending firms to collapse were Celsius and Voyager Digital. The companies had been exposed to both falling crypto prices as well as risky loans made to crypto hedge funds like Three Arrows Capital, which went out of business in June.

BlockFi, another crypto lender, turned to then-crypto giant FTX and its founder Sam Bankman-Fried for a rescue. Bankman-Fried gave BlockFi a financial lifeline, one of several moves that earned Bankman-Fried plaudits as a savior or financial backstop for the crypto industry.

But FTX's own bankruptcy in November, caused by high-risk lending to its affiliated hedge fund Alameda Research, caused BlockFi's financial lifeline to wither. In a show of how intertwined these crypto lenders became, Genesis made billions in loans to Alameda.

Saddled with bad loans, many of these high-tech firms experienced a very old phenomenon: Depositors wanted their money back, and a bank run started.

As for what's next, the tens of thousands of customers at these crypto lending firms are now waiting to see if their assets can be recovered or found in bankruptcy court, which could take months or even years. At Genesis, more than $900 million in customer funds are locked up in bankruptcy.

Further, the crypto industry seems to coming around to the idea of some sort of regulation.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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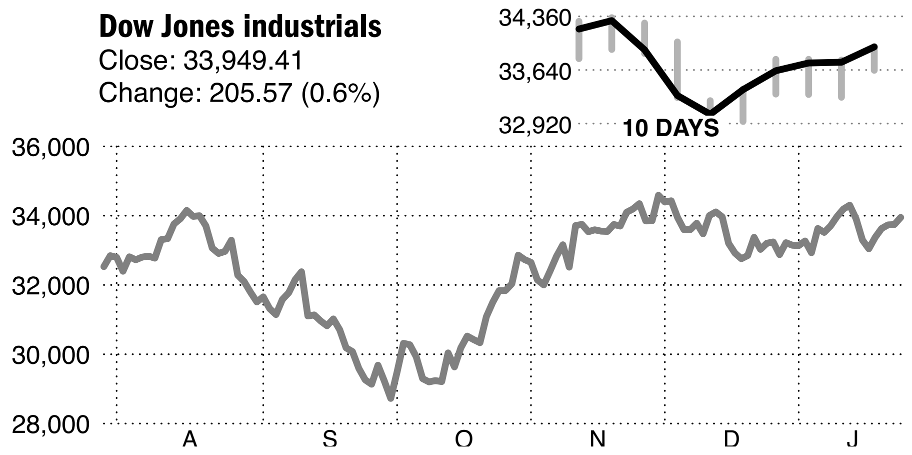

Dow Jones industrials
Close: 33,949.41
Change: 205.57 (0.6%)

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Previous	11,313.35	4,016.22	1,890.32

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	741	758	738	752.50	+11.25
		May 23	748.25	765.75	745.50	760.50	+11.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	674	685.50	673	682.50	+7.75
		May 23	672	682.75	671.50	680	+6.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	1506.50	1526.25	1500	1523.50	+21
		May 23	1498.75	1517.25	1493.75	1514.75	+18.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 23	60.60	61.53	60.17	60.79	+.25
		May 23	60.73	61.65	60.37	60.95	+.24
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 23	467.40	478.20	465.30	477.10	+11.60
		May 23	453.70	463.00	451.60	462.00	+9.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 23	80.48	82.14	79.92	81.01	+.86
		Apr 23	80.44	82.38	80.21	81.28	+.84
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 23	3.003	3.003	2.761	2.944	-.123
		Mar 23	2.873	2.891	2.680	2.848	-.067
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 23	2.5882	2.6590	2.5619	2.6121	+.0187
		Mar 23	2.5925	2.6641	2.5665	2.6166	+.0188

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	111.07	-1.46	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.49	+.50	Middleby Corp	O	150.44	+.59
AbbVie Inc	N	147.40	-.29	Equity Residential	N	62.23	+.09	Mondelez Intl	O	64.52	-.48
Allstate Corp	N	128.60	+1.34	Exelon Corp	O	41.60	+.18	Morningstar Inc	O	236.88	+1.70
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.79	+.72	First Indl RT	N	52.76	+.54	Motorola Solutions	N	257.25	-1.32
Arch Dan Mid	N	84.90	-.87	Fortune Brands Innov	N	62.77	+.04	NiSource Inc	N	27.54	-.04
Baxter Intl	N	46.16	+.02	GATX	N	113.96	+1.85	Nthn Trust Cp	O	96.94	+2.59
Boeing Co	N	212.73	+.05	Gallagher AJ	N	197.25	+.24	Old Republic	N	26.57	+1.87
Brunswick Corp	N	78.67	-1.61	Grainger WW	N	564.93	+5.08	Packaging Corp Am	N	138.62	+9.47
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.33	+.94	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	111.79	-.32	Paylocity Hldg	O	204.99	+10.81
CCC Intellig Solut	O	9.15	+.28	IAA Inc	N	40.85	-.03	RLI Corp	N	130.61	-2.42
CDW Corp	O	194.30	+2.18	IDEX Corp	N	234.15	+1.35	Ryan Specialty Group	N	42.25	+.10
CF Industries	N	85.10	+1.34	ITW	N	228.67	+.29	Stericycle Inc	O	52.49	-.58
CME Group	O	176.77	+3.39	Ingredion Inc	N	102.66	+.15	TransUnion	N	70.04	+.87
CNA Financial	N	43.46	+.56	John Bean Technol	N	106.98	+2.74	US Foods Holding	N	37.69	-.09
Caterpillar Inc	N	262.12	+3.68	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	181.94	+4.27	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	506.82	+4.19
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.84	-.30	Kemper Corp	N	55.03	-1.32	United Airlines Hldg	O	49.45	-.83
Deere Co	N	421.20	+7.56	Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.66	-.29	Ventas Inc	N	50.75	-.06
Discover Fin Svcs	N	114.69	-.21	LKQ Corporation	O	57.59	-.01	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	36.50	+.22
Dover Corp	N	143.50	+1.65	Littelfuse Inc	O	252.98	+3.14	Wintrust Financial	O	90.50	+1.59
Envestnet Inc	N	66.06	-.19	McDonalds Corp	N	274.72	+1.72	Zebra Tech	O	311.27	+.70

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Avaya Holdings Corp	.35	-.01
Ford Motor	12.92	+.13
AT&T Inc	20.00	-.42
Pfizer Inc	44.25	-.41
Carnival Corp	10.63	-.25
Bank of America	35.34	+.47
Snap Inc A	10.19	+.52
Shopify Inc	48.33	+1.00
Ambev S.A.	2.68	+.05
Sthwstn Energy	5.56	+.02
Palantir Technol	7.24	+.02
Medical Prop Trust	12.58	+.19
Nokia Corp	4.81	+.18
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.80	+.02
Transocean Ltd	6.66	+.24
Petrobras	11.66	-.27
Uber Technologies	30.02	-.27
Energy Transfer L.P.	13.50	+.35
Barrick Gold	19.69	-.10
Lumen Technologies	5.14	-.16
Nu Holdings Ltd	4.23	+.11
Las Vegas Sands	58.37	+3.35
Citigroup	52.19	+.29
AMC Entertainment A	5.28	-.22

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
COmSovereign Hldg	.12	+.04
Exela Technologies	.07	-.00
Tesla Inc	160.27	+15.84
Mullen Automotive	.32	-.03
BuzzFeed Inc A	2.09	+1.14
Akanda Corp	.28	+.09
MicroAlgo Inc	2.74	+1.07
Cryptyde Inc	.23	-.01
Summit Wireless Tech	.11	-.03
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.79	-.06
Amazon.com Inc	99.22	+2.04
Novo Integrated Sci	.14	...
Apple Inc	143.96	+2.10
Bed Bath &Beynd	2.52	-.72
Intel Corp	30.09	+.39
Adv Micro Dev	75.16	+.25
Nvidia Corporation	198.02	+4.79
American Airlines Gp	16.61	+.35
Opendoor Technol	1.77	+.16
Microsoft Corp	248.00	+7.39
Rivian Automotive A	18.31	-.38
Warner Bros Disc A	15.00	+.47
Marathon Digital Hld	8.75	...
Alphabet Inc A	97.52	+2.30

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3264.81	+24.5/+.8
Stoxx600	453.99	+1.9/+.4
Nikkei	27362.75	-32.3/-.1
MSCI-EAFE	2104.69	-1.9/-.1
Bovespa	114177.55	-92.5/-.1
FTSE 100	7761.11	+16.2/+.2
CAC-40	7095.99	+52.1/+.7

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	99.16	+2.43
Alphabet Inc A	97.52	+2.30
Amazon.com Inc	99.22	+2.04
Apple Inc	143.96	+2.10
Berkshire Hath B	310.95	-.95
Chevron Corp	187.79	+8.71
Exxon Mobil Corp	117.76	+4.55
JPMorgan Chase	139.98	+.86
Johnson & Johnson	168.89	-.62
MasterCard Inc	377.24	-5.15
Meta Platforms Inc	147.30	+5.80
Microsoft Corp	248.00	+7.39
Nvidia Corporation	198.02	+4.79
Procter & Gamble	141.15	-.57
Taiwan Semicon	93.45	+1.04
Tesla Inc	160.27	+15.84
Unitedhealth Group	492.48	-.02
Visa Inc	224.71	-.19
WalMart Strs	142.21	-.13

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.55	4.56
6-month disc	4.66	4.65
2-year	4.19	4.13
10-year	3.51	3.45
30-year	3.64	3.60

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1929.10	$1941.20
Silver	$23.930	$23.839
Platinum	$1013.60	$1037.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	7.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.00
Fed Funds Target	4.25-4.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.38

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	185.3225
Australia (Dollar)	1.4060
Brazil (Real)	5.0740
Britain (Pound)	.8060
Canada (Dollar)	1.3336
China (Yuan)	6.7835
Euro	.9184
India (Rupee)	81.470
Israel (Shekel)	3.4169
Japan (Yen)	130.23
Mexico (Peso)	18.8041
Poland (Zloty)	4.33
So. Korea (Won)	1233.81
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.24
Thailand (Baht)	32.81

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.94	+.15	-3.7
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.41	+.27	+1.6
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	55.29	+.38	-4.7
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	65.42	+.30	-1.5
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.19	+.59	-2.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.07	+.68	-12.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.33	+.11	-.9
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	43.53	+.36	-3.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	51.24	+.44	-10.1
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.44	+.41	+.2
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.90	-.01	-8.2
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.64	-.01	-5.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	47.21	+.32	+.9
Dodge & Cox StkI	229.66	+2.26	-.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	140.91	+1.55	-5.1
Fidelity Contrafund	12.90	+.16	-12.5
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.53	+.05	-3.8
Fidelity GroCo	24.78	+.33	-13.0
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.83	+.03	-1.6
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.17	-.02	-7.6
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	112.70	+1.23	-5.4
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.48	-.03	-8.1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.36	+.01	-.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.36	-.02	-9.5
PIMCO IncInstl	10.66	...	-3.5
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.73	-.01	-9.1
Schwab SP500Idx	61.51	...	-6.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	374.81	+4.11	-5.1
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.65	+.24	-6.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.18	+.01	+.9
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	87.00	+.53	+4.8
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	120.29	+1.96	-14.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.12	-.08	+10.0
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.67	...	-2.9
Vanguard InsIdxIns	340.43	+3.73	-5.1
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	340.42	+3.73	-5.1
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	102.77	+1.21	-10.4
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	270.26	+2.86	-1.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	140.78	+.91	-1.8
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.07	-.01	-3.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	95.21	+.84	-.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.55	+.07	-6.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.58	+.06	-6.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.22	+.15	-6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.56	+.11	-5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.22	+.21	-5.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.39	+.16	-5.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.47	+.29	-5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.73	+.02	-6.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.76	-.02	-8.2
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.76	-.02	-8.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.46	+.11	-4.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	121.79	+.42	-4.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.21	+.07	-4.1
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	98.93	+1.07	-5.4
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	98.95	+1.07	-5.4
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	56.18	+.35	+3.5
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.60	+.27	-6.0
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	61.14	+.09	-4.0
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	70.18	+.70	-2.7

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NATION & WORLD

Biden looks to build economic case

President takes aim at GOP proposals on taxes, spending cuts

By Jim Tankersley
The New York Times

President Joe Biden greets audience members Thursday at a steamfitters union hall in Springfield, Virginia. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden assailed House Republicans in an address Thursday over their tax and spending plans, including potential changes to popular retirement programs, as he ramps up for what is likely to be a run for reelection.

The president's speech, in Springfield, Virginia, was his latest attempt to reframe the economic narrative away from the rapid price increases that dogged much of his first two years in office and toward his stewardship of an economy that has churned out steady growth and strong job gains.

Speaking in a steamfitters union hall for what aides billed as the president's first major economic speech of the new year, Biden sought to take credit for the strength of the labor market, a falling inflation rate and news from the Commerce Department on Thursday morning that the economy grew at an annualized pace of 2.9% at the end of last year. And he cast House Republicans and their economic policy proposals as roadblocks to continued improvement.

"At the time I was sworn in, the pandemic was raging and the economy was reeling," Biden said. He then ticked through the actions he took to aid in the recovery. Those included $1.9 trillion in pandemic and economic aid; a bipartisan bill to repair and upgrade roads, bridges, water pipes and other infrastructure; and a sweeping industrial policy bill to spur domestic investment in advanced manufacturing sectors like semiconductors and speed research and development to seed new industries.

Biden denounced Republican proposals to replace federal income taxes with a national sales tax, curb safety-net spending and risk a government default by refusing to raise the federal borrowing limit without deep spending cuts. Why, he asked, "would Americans give up the progress we've made for the chaos they're suggesting?"

"I will not let anyone use the full faith and credit of the United States as a bargaining chip," Biden said, reiterating his refusal to negotiate over raising the debt limit. "The United States of America — we pay our debts."

But the president also sought to reach out to working-class voters — in places like his native Scranton, Pennsylvania — who have increasingly voted Republican in recent elections. Biden said those voters have been left behind by U.S. economic policy in recent years, and he tried to woo them back by promising that his policies would continue to bring high-paying manufacturing jobs that do not require a college degree to people who feel "invisible" in the economy. "They remember, in my old neighborhoods, why the jobs went away," Biden said. He then vowed to "build an economy where nobody's left behind — and I mean it: nobody."

The speech built on a pattern for Biden, who has found the new and narrow Republican majority to be both a political threat and an opportunity.

Republicans in the chamber have demanded deep cuts in federal spending in exchange for raising the borrowing limit, a position that risks an economic catastrophe given the huge sums of money that the United States borrows to pay for its financial obligations.

The president has refused to tie any spending cuts to raising the debt limit and has called on Congress to increase the $31.4 trillion cap so that the nation can continue paying its bills and avoid a federal default.

But Biden, who is facing a divided Congress for the first time in his presidency, is increasingly acting as if the newly empowered conservatives have given him a political opening on economic policy. As he prepares for a likely reelection bid in 2024, he is seizing on the least popular proposals floated by House members to cast himself as a champion of the working class, retirees and economic progress.

House Republicans have not released a detailed or unified economic agenda, and they have not made a clear set of demands for raising the debt limit, though they largely agree that Biden must accept significant spending curbs.

But members and factions of the Republican conference have pushed for votes on a variety of proposals that have little support among voters, including raising the retirement age for Social Security and Medicare and replacing the federal income tax with a national sales tax.

Biden has sought to brand the entire Republican Party with those proposals, even though it is not clear if the measures have majority support in the conference or will ever come to a vote.

But key factions in the GOP are demanding cuts to the growth of those programs in the name of reducing future accumulation of debt, and Biden has been happy to cast them as the true contrast to his economic agenda. He has denounced cuts to safety-net programs and threatened to veto such efforts.

"The president is building an economy from the bottom up and the middle out, and protecting Social Security and Medicare," Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, said this week.

"Republicans want to cut Social Security, want to cut Medicare — programs Americans have earned, have paid in — and impose a 30% national sales tax that will increase taxes on working families," she said. "That is what they have said they want to do, and that is clearly their plan."

The focus on Republicans has allowed Biden to divert the economic conversation from inflation, which hit 40-year highs last year but receded in the past several months, though it remains above historical norms.

Calif. farmworker admits to 7 fatal shootings

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A farmworker charged in the killings of seven current and former co-workers at two Northern California mushroom farms admitted during a jailhouse interview Thursday that he committed the fatal shootings.

Chunli Zhao, 66, told KNTV-TV said he wasn't right in his mind Monday when he entered a mushroom farm where he worked in Half Moon Bay and shot and killed four people and seriously wounded a fifth. He then drove to a nearby farm where he worked previously and killed three more people, prosecutors said.

Zhao said he was bullied and worked long hours on the farms and that his complaints were ignored, the station reported.

Zhao spoke in Mandarin during a 15-minute interview at a county jail in Redwood City.

Zhao said he has been in the U.S. for 11 years and has a green card.

He said he has a 40-year-old daughter in China and lived with his wife in Half Moon Bay.

Meanwhile, in the case involving a separate mass shooting last weekend, the Los Angeles County sheriff said the 72-year-old gunman who sprayed bullets into a ballroom dance hall had no known connection to the victims and investigators are still trying to determine a motive for the massacre.

Before the shooting Saturday night, Huu Can Tran parked a motorcycle just a block away from the ballroom in Monterey Park, which investigators believe he had planned to use as a backup getaway vehicle, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said Wednesday.

People pay respects Wednesday to victims who were fatally shot in Half Moon Bay, Calif.
SAMANTHA LAUREY/GETTY-AFP

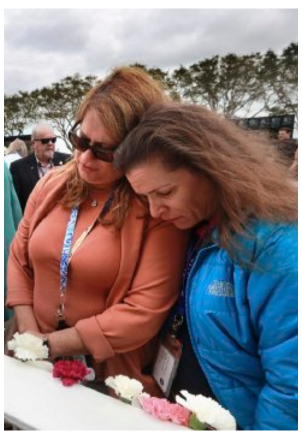
Tran opened fire on a mostly elderly crowd of dancers at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio, killing 11 people and wounding nine others before killing himself the next day, police said.

The carnage, during what should have been joyful Lunar New Year celebrations, sent ripples of fear through Asian American communities already dealing with increased hatred and violence directed at them.

Some reports said Tran frequented the dance hall and fancied himself as an instructor, but Luna said he hadn't been there in at least five years and did not appear to target the victims specifically.

"We have not been able to establish a connection between the suspect and any of the victims thus far," Luna said.

Luna said it wasn't clear how long Tran had been planning the attack in the city about 8 miles from downtown Los Angeles or what prompted him to spray at least 42 bullets, taking time to reload his weapon, a variant of the MAC-10 semiautomatic machine pistol with a 30-round magazine.



Columbia team members pay their respects Thursday in Florida. **JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL**

NASA marks 20 years since space shuttle Columbia disaster

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA marked the 20th anniversary of the space shuttle Columbia tragedy with somber ceremonies and remembrances during its annual tribute to fallen astronauts Thursday.

More than 100 people gathered under a gray sky at Kennedy Space Center to remember not only Columbia's crew of seven, but the 18 other astronauts killed in the line of duty. NASA's two shuttle accidents account for more than half of the names carved into the black granite of the Space Mirror Memorial.

Columbia was destroyed during reentry Feb. 1, 2003, after a piece of fuel-tank foam came off and punctured the left wing during liftoff 16 days earlier. The shuttle broke apart over Texas, just 16 minutes from its planned Florida touchdown.

NASA managers dismissed the impact during the flight despite the concerns of others. That same kind of cultural blunder led to the loss of shuttle Challenger during liftoff Jan. 28, 1986, killing all seven aboard, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

The Apollo 1 launchpad fire claimed three astronauts' lives Jan. 27, 1967.

Because of the clustering of these three dates, NASA sets aside the last Thursday of every January to commemorate its fallen astronauts. At space centers across the country, flags were lowered to half-staff, with ceremonies held along with spaceflight safety discussions.

Like NASA's earlier tragedies, Columbia's loss was avoidable, said former shuttle commander Bob Cabana, now NASA's associate administrator.

"When we look back, why do we have to keep repeating the same hard lessons?" he said. "I don't ever want to have to go through another Columbia."

Bob and Diane Kalander interrupted their sailing trip from their home in Jamestown, Rhode Island, to Florida's Key West to honor the lost shuttle crews at Kennedy.

"It's fading from people's memory," Diane Kalander said. "There's been a de-emphasis on space because people say, 'Let's worry about problems on Earth as opposed to the future.' We've got to look toward the future."

Farm-to-table concept hits schools

In Calif., freshness replaces pre-made offerings for lunch

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

Chef Josh Gjersand prepares a sandwich for a student taste test Jan. 13 in Concord, California. GODOFREDO A. VASQUEZ/AP

CONCORD, Calif. — As the fine-dining chef at a suburban high school gave samples of his newest recipes, junior Anahi Nava Flores critiqued a baguette sandwich with Toscano salami, organic Monterey Jack, arugula and a scratch-made basil spread: "This pesto aioli is good!"

Classmate Kentaro Turner devoured a deli-style pastrami melt on sourdough and moved on to free-range chicken simmered in chipotle broth with Spanish-style rice. "Everything is delicious!"

These are not words typically uttered in school cafeterias.

The food served at the school system outside San Francisco, Mount Diablo Unified, reflects a trend away from mass-produced, reheated meals. Its lunch menus are filled with California-grown fruits and vegetables, grass-fed meats and recipes that defy the stereotype of inedible school food.

Among American schoolchildren, these students are in the lucky minority. Making fresh meals requires significant investment and, in many areas, an overhaul of how school kitchens have operated for decades. Inflation and supply chain disruptions have only made it harder on school nutrition directors, widening gaps in access to affordable, high-quality food.

What's more, federal money to boost lunch budgets has declined. The government last year ended a pandemic-era program offering free school meals to everyone. A few states, such as California, have been paying to keep meals free for all students, but most states went back to charging all but the neediest kids for meals.

Increases in money from California's state government have made it possible for Mount Diablo to buy fresher local ingredients and hire the chef, Josh Gjersand, a veteran of Michelin-starred restaurants. Local farms, bakers, creameries and fishermen now supply most ingredients to the district, which serves 30,000 students from wealthy and low-income communities east of San Francisco.

On a recent January morning, student taste-testers were sampling Gjersand's latest creations. His daily specials have ranged from barbecued spare ribs to fresh red snapper on a whole-grain brioche bun.

"I love the idea of serving students better food," said Gjersand, who quit restaurants during the pandemic, when serving a wagyu-beef-and-caviar crowd lost its luster. "School cafeterias should feel like restaurants, and not fast-food chains."

School systems elsewhere can only dream of such offerings.

"Financially, we are dying right now," said Patti Bilbrey, nutrition director for Arizona's Scottsdale Unified School District. It charges students $2.85 per lunch, but that no longer comes close to covering the district's cost.

A staff shortage makes it impossible to cook more food from scratch, she said. The school relies on mass-produced food that is delivered, then reheated. The pizza: "It's done; you just bake it." The spicy chicken sandwich: "You heat it and put it on a bun." The corn dogs: "You just have to wrap it," she said.

Not many schools can afford gourmet offerings like Mount Diablo's, which also benefits from California's year-round growing season. But school menus in several places have improved in the past decade, with fresher ingredients and more ethnic dishes, said School Nutrition Association spokesperson Diane Pratt-Heavner.

The pandemic, however, created new obstacles.

In a national survey of 1,230 school nutrition directors, nearly all said the rising costs of food and supplies were their top challenges this year. More than 90% said they were facing supply chain and staffing shortages.

The survey by the nutrition association also found soaring levels of student lunch debt at schools that have returned to charging for meals. The association is urging Congress to resume free breakfast and lunch nationwide.

"This is the worst and fastest accumulation of debt I've seen in my 12 years in school nutrition," said Angela Richey, nutrition director for the Roseville and St. Anthony-New Brighton school districts in Minnesota, which serve about 9,400 students. They don't turn away a hungry child, but this year's school meal debt has surpassed $90,000, growing at a rate of over $1,000 a day.

Making food from scratch isn't just healthier, it's cheaper, many school nutrition directors say.

But that's only possible when schools have kitchens. A national shift away from school kitchens began in the 1980s, which ushered in an era of mass-produced, processed school food. Pre-made meals delivered by food service companies meant schools could do away with full-time cafeteria staff and kitchens.

"If you don't have a kitchen to chop things up, there's not much you can do with fresh vegetables," said Nina Ichikawa, executive director of the Berkeley Food Institute, part of a team evaluating a California farm-to-school incubator grant. She describes California's investments as undoing past damage.

In 2021, California committed to spending $650 million annually to supplement federal meal reimbursements — money for food, staff, new equipment and other upgrades. Additionally, hundreds of millions of dollars are available for kitchen infrastructure and for schools that cook from scratch and buy from California farmers.

In California's rural Modoc Unified School District, near the Oregon border, lunch menus reflect what the state is trying to change: a rotation of hot dogs, chicken nuggets, pizza, burgers. There are vegetables, as required by federal guidelines, but usually not fresh. "I try not to do canned veggies more than twice a week," said Jessica Boal, nutrition director for the district of 840 students.

The district's five schools lack functional kitchens, so her staff spends half the day unpacking deliveries of processed, pre-made food. But Boal is excited about change on the horizon. The district recently applied for state grants to put new kitchens in every school and bring in more produce.

At Mount Diablo High School, there are still hot dogs and hamburgers, but the meats are grass-fed.

"I haven't served a chicken nugget here in two years. And the kids don't miss it," said Dominic Machi, who has reimagined meals for the district since he became nutrition director five years ago.

Students at the school, 96% of whom belong to a racial or ethnic minority group, say the attention to quality food sends a message of respect.

"This food makes me feel more important. It makes you feel good to not eat trash food," said Kahlanii Cravanas, 16.

Anahi Nava Flores, 17, said the meals instill a sense of self-worth. "When you go to a high-end restaurant, you go home feeling good about life. That's what this food does."

Palestinians throw rocks Thursday at an Israeli bulldozer in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin. An Israeli raid at a refugee camp left nine Palestinians dead. ZAIN JAAFAR/GETTY-AFP

Israeli forces reportedly kill 10 Palestinians in West Bank

By Majdi Mohammed and Tia Goldenberg
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JENIN REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank — Israeli forces Thursday killed nine Palestinians — including at least seven militants and a 61-year-old woman — in the deadliest single incident in the occupied West Bank in two decades, Palestinian officials said.

The raid prompted Palestinian leaders to cut security ties with Israel, a move that could lead to more violence.

The Israeli military also fatally shot a 22-year-old Palestinian later in a separate incident.

The raid in the Jenin refugee camp increases the risk of a major flare-up in Israeli-Palestinian fighting, poses a test for Israel's new hard-line government and casts a shadow on U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's expected trip to the region next week.

Raising the stakes, the Palestinian Authority said it would halt the ties that its security forces maintain with Israel in a shared effort to contain Islamic militants. Previous threats have been short-lived, in part because of the benefits the authority enjoys from the relationship and also due to U.S. and Israeli pressure to maintain it.

The PA already has limited control over scattered enclaves in the West Bank, and almost none over militant strongholds like the Jenin camp. But the announcement could pave the way for Israel to step up operations it says are needed to prevent attacks.

Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, threatened revenge for the raid. Violent escalations in the West Bank have previously triggered retaliatory rocket fire from the Gaza Strip.

Israeli forces in the West Bank and on the Gaza frontier went on heightened alert. Palestinians filled the streets, chanting in solidarity with Jenin, and President Mahmoud Abbas declared three days of mourning.

In the refugee camp, residents dug a mass grave for the dead.

Thursday's gunbattle that left nine dead and 20 wounded erupted when Israel's military conducted a rare daytime operation in the Jenin camp that it said was meant to prevent an imminent attack on Israelis. The camp, where the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group has a major foothold, has been a focus of near-nightly Israeli arrest raids.

Hamas' armed wing claimed four of the dead as members, while Islamic Jihad said three others belonged to the group. An earlier statement from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia loosely affiliated with Abbas' secular Fatah party, claimed one of the dead was a fighter named Izz al-Din Salahat, but it was unclear if he was among those seven militants.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the 61-year-old woman killed as Magda Obaid, and the Israeli military said it was looking into reports of her death.

The Israeli military circulated aerial video it said was taken during the battle, showing what appeared to be Palestinians on rooftops hurling stones and firebombs on Israeli forces below. At least one Palestinian can be seen opening fire from a rooftop.

Confusion rises after Santos' campaign lists new treasurer

By Michael R. Sisak
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Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., leaves a House GOP conference meeting Wednesday on Capitol Hill. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

NEW YORK — Rep. George Santos' campaign committee told federal regulators Wednesday that it had hired a new treasurer amid lingering questions about the source of his wealth and irregularities in the committee's financial reports.

The only problem? The man Santos supposedly hired said he turned the job down.

It wasn't clear whether the committee made an error listing a new treasurer on Federal Election Commission paperwork — or if it was another lie by a congressman who has been caught fabricating many elements of his life story.

The man who declined the job, Thomas Datwyler, said through a lawyer that there appeared to be some sort of miscommunication.

"On Monday we informed the Santos campaign that Mr. Datwyler would not be serving as treasurer," Datwyler's lawyer, Derek Ross, said in a statement. "It appears there's a disconnect between that conversation and the filings (Wednesday) which we did not authorize."

Santos' House office referred questions Thursday to his campaign, Devolder Santos for Congress, whose lawyer, Joe Murray, said: "It would be inappropriate to respond due to open investigations."

A message seeking comment was left for his campaign's former treasurer, Nancy Marks.

Under federal regulations, a campaign committee can't raise or spend money unless it has a treasurer. The treasurer collects all contributions — and only the treasurer, or a person designated by the treasurer, can approve campaign expenses.

Devolder Santos for Congress filed a new statement of organization Wednesday listing Datwyler as treasurer and custodian of records, replacing Marks, who had held both positions since Santos first ran for Congress in 2020. The form included what it said was his electronic signature, along with his email and mailing addresses.

Five other political fundraising committees linked to Santos filed similar paperwork with the FEC on Wednesday listing Datwyler as the new treasurer.

Santos' campaign submitted its new statement of organization a day after it filed new campaign finance reports Tuesday that elevated confusion over the source of a personal fortune he claimed to have used to finance his campaign.

The campaign provided the FEC with amended versions of reports for the last two years, including forms that gave contradictory accounts of whether some of the $705,000 he lent his campaign since 2021 came out of his own pocket.

Hours before the new statement of organization listing Datwyler was filed, Santos again refused to answer questions about the source of his wealth and placed responsibility for amending his campaign finance reports on campaign staff.

"Let's make it very clear. I don't amend anything. I don't touch any of my FEC stuff, so don't be disingenuous and report that I did," Santos said. "Every campaign hires fiduciaries, so I'm not aware of that answer, but we will have an answer for the press regarding the amendments from yesterday."

Datwyler, a veteran political moneyman, is treasurer for dozens of House and Senate campaigns, including that of Rep. Nick LaLota in Santos' neighboring district. Marks, a longtime Long Island political operative, was treasurer for LaLota's predecessor, former Rep. Lee Zeldin, and was closely associated with Santos' rise to office.

She had been treasurer for several committees supporting Santos — and she and her family gave maximum contributions to his campaign. A company associated with Marks' address on Long Island is listed on paperwork among the co-owners of a company that was formed in Florida in 2021 after the collapse of Harbor City Capital, an investment firm where Santos worked that the SEC alleges was a Ponzi scheme.

Marks' bookkeeping is under scrutiny from the FEC and campaign finance experts.

‘A silent battle’ surfaces in Moscow

Flower tussle takes root at statue after killings in Dnipro

By Valerie Hopkins and Nanna Heitmann
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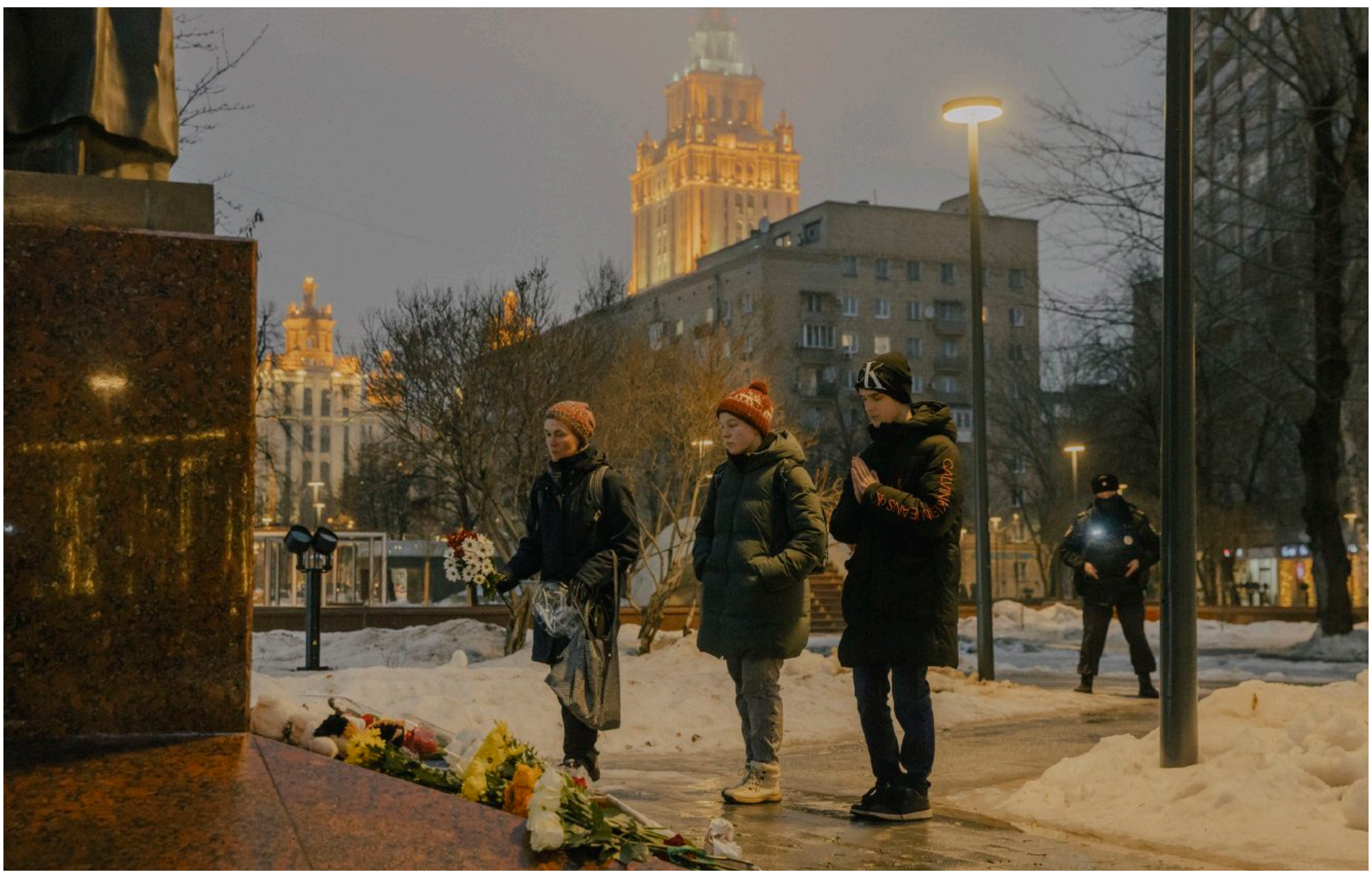

Mourners lay flowers at the statue of writer Lesya Ukrainka in Moscow after the deadly attack in Dnipro, Ukraine. **NANNA HEITMANN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Police buses seem ubiquitous in Moscow since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February, watching over much of the city center, including a statue of one of Ukraine’s most famous poets that has become a popular spot for a silent but emotional outpouring of anti-war sentiment.

Since a Russian missile struck a residential building in the Ukrainian city of Dnipro on Jan. 14, killing 46 and injuring 80 others, Muscovites have been coming to lay flowers — along with plush toys and photographs of the destroyed building — at the feet of the statue of Lesya Ukrainka, a Ukrainian poet and playwright who lived during the last decades of the Russian Empire.

The ritual, after one of the biggest death tolls from one strike since the war began, has become an expression of sorrow, shame and opposition to the war. But at regular intervals, authorities have been removing the flowers.

“In contemporary Russia, under these conditions, it is a battle — a silent battle,” said Tatyana Krupina, 28, a chemist who went with a small group of friends to lay flowers last week.

This is what passes for protest in Russia in January 2023, nearly a year after the invasion.

The flower tussle is one of the first public protests taking place on a large scale since the days after President Vladimir Putin’s announcement in September that hundreds of thousands of men would be called up to fight.

Russia has imposed harsh penalties for criticizing the war, or even calling it one, so for many Russians, laying flowers seems like a rare opportunity to show dissent without being arrested.

For anti-government Russians remaining in Russia, the flowers remind them that they are not alone in their opposition to the war, even as the propaganda becomes increasingly vitriolic, and the letters Z and V, which have become pro-war symbols, are etched on public buildings.

And for Russians who fled because of persecution, potential conscription or a refusal to pay taxes that will fuel the war machine, the flower memorial is a sign that there are still people left in the country who are brave enough to protest.

“This is not only a way to show people in Ukraine that there are people in Russia who do not condone what is happening; it shows people that they are not alone,” said Alexander Plyushchev, a Russian journalist with a following on YouTube.

But even laying flowers has potential consequences.

At least seven people have been detained, according to a New York Times journalist who witnessed the episodes over the past week. Four were detained after placing flowers at the site.

Police have tried to prevent people from photographing the memorial and have told others to delete the images from their phones. But people keep arriving, looking for an opening when many are not gathered around the monument so that it does not seem like an illegal public gathering — and quietly placing their flowers.

“My endurance is finished; I want to show my opinion,” lawyer Ekaterina Varenik said Saturday after placing flowers on the statue. She was referring to not being able to express her opinion publicly.

Varenik, 26, said she last protested when opposition politician Alexei Navalny was arrested two years ago. She stayed home when thousands protested the war mobilization. But, she said of the crackdown, “Every day it gets worse and worse, and stricter and stricter.”

For more than a half-hour, Varenik stood in front of the statue with a homemade poster that read, “Ukraine: not our enemies, but our brothers.”

She was detained by police shortly afterward.

The statue has been the site of altercations with pro-war nationalists, who have denounced the mourners and accused them in reports to authorities of discrediting the Russian military, which is a crime in Russia.

The Kremlin’s crackdown on political opposition and protests accelerated after the invasion of Ukraine. About 20,000 protesters have been detained since the war began, according to OVD Info, a human rights watchdog.

Many lost their jobs after protesting, signing petitions or writing social media posts critical of the war.

Ilya Yashin, a municipal councilor in Moscow, was sentenced to 8 ½ years in prison for speaking about Russian atrocities in Bucha, Ukraine. A 19-year-old university student from the city of Arkhangelsk is facing up to 10 years in jail for social media posts criticizing the war.

In that context, defying police to lay flowers may require a degree of bravery.

Still, some who risk arrest insist on showing their resistance.

“Moscow is a huge city, and everyone is quiet,” said Varenik, the lawyer, before she was detained for her anti-war poster. “I want to show the world that we should not be quiet. We allow all of this with our silence.”

War breathes new life into Cold War symbol

Onetime CIA front’s audiences still face media restrictions

By Matina Stevis-Gridneff
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A broadcast this month from the studios of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Prague. **AKOS STILLER/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

PRAGUE — Anyone who didn’t live through the Cold War might find the Portuguese Netflix spy thriller series “Gloria” improbable.

Deep in the Portuguese countryside, in the tiny village of Gloria, a complex radio transmission operation run by Portuguese and American engineers springs up in the 1950s, a branch of a Munich-based news organization called Radio Free Europe.

It broadcasts news and anti-communist messages in languages of various Soviet republics, but, in the show and in real life, it’s also a CIA front.

Until 1971, Radio Free Europe was a covert U.S. intelligence operation seeking to penetrate the Iron Curtain and foment anti-communist dissent in what was then Czechoslovakia, in Poland and elsewhere.

The CIA stopped funding Radio Free Europe when its operation was revealed. Since then, the news organization has been funded by Congress and has had editorial independence.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty — or RFE/RL — now barely resembles its historical predecessor, as dramatized in “Gloria,” but it is still very much pursuing its mission of fact-based journalism by local reporters, in local languages for local audiences across the former Soviet sphere and Central Asia.

The organization is based in Prague instead of Munich, and is opening new offices this month in Riga, Latvia, to host a big part of its Russia-focused staff.

These days, RFE/RL is only partly a radio broadcaster, although in some regions, the airwaves are still how people access it. The majority of its Russian-language audience finds its reporting online.

At the Prague offices, high gates, tight security checks and U.S. flags waving up front leave visitors little doubt that they are entering a building with American ties. But this great gray marble-and-concrete cube — near where Franz Kafka is buried — holds a thriving modern newsroom.

The outlet says it draws an average of 40 million people weekly through its programs and channels, broadcasting in 27 languages and 23 countries “where media freedom is restricted, or where a professional press has not fully developed.”

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine last February both shook up Radio Free Europe’s operations and highlighted its mission’s importance. Within days of the invasion, the organization suspended its operations in Russia. It had already faced years of growing pressure from Moscow and evacuated most staff to Prague and other offices even before the war broke out.

Jamie Fly, the broadcaster’s president and CEO, has long been in firefighting mode.

“The challenge we’re facing now, and the invasion of Ukraine, is just the latest iteration,” Fly said in an interview late last year. “We are increasingly getting pressure when we’re operating in these environments, and in some cases, we’re getting pushed out of countries. That’s always been a challenge for us.”

In the first week of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, traffic to RFE/RL websites almost tripled to nearly 70 million, compared with the same week in 2021, the organization said. More than half of that traffic came from Russia and Ukraine.

Those gains have stabilized since then. From the start of the war through the end of 2022, viewership of Current Time, RFE/RL’s flagship Russian-language channel, more than tripled on Facebook and more than quadrupled on YouTube, where it remains accessible within Russia, according to RFE/RL.

The broadcaster’s work in Central Asian countries like Kyrgyzstan has been effective, especially in uncovering corruption. The local network was blocked last year by the Kyrgyz government on accusations that it breached a “fake news” law. Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty rejected the claims and, as it did in Russia, encouraged its audience to use VPNs to continue following its journalism.

And while its coverage of the war in Ukraine is a crucial part of its offerings, the organization’s most distinctive service is its region-specific programs broadcast in the local vernacular, including those focusing on Russian areas like Chechnya and Tatarstan.

This approach — even for languages spoken only by small populations — has long been a key feature of RFE/RL.

Toomas Ilves, a former president of Estonia who worked for the broadcaster in Munich from 1984 to 1993, said that reaching those audiences with objective, quality news, in their own languages, was particularly vital.

“RFE/RL’s role is most important in providing objective information in the native language — and is the same role it had 30 years ago,” he said recently.

Ilves added that this mission became more critical for audiences without the many information outlets that the Russian-speaking world has. “There are limited sources of quality information for others, and being able to hear quality news reporting in your own language is important,” he said.

And, as in Ilves’ time at the organization, its 21st-century incarnation is a kind of Noah’s ark for journalists and emigres from a vast region undergoing another period of epochal change.

On March 6 — 10 days after Russia invaded Ukraine — RFE/RL announced it would suspend its Moscow operations after the local authorities began bankruptcy proceedings against it, citing millions of dollars in unpaid fines over the organization’s refusal to comply with a 2021 order to label itself and some of its staff as foreign agents.

“We are nobody’s agent, and we considered — and continue to consider — this labeling demand to be censorship, an attempt to interfere in editorial policy,” Andrei Shary, director of RFE/RL’s Russian Service, said at the time.

Shary, who describes himself as a “proud Russian,” has made a home in Prague, as have some of his other Russian colleagues.

Fly thinks Shary would most likely be jailed if he returned to Russia. It’s a reality Shary confronts with stoicism, even though, he says, “I’ll probably never get to see my mother alive again.”

Some younger journalists who left the Moscow bureau feel relief at having relocated safely before the invasion, avoiding the panic of friends who fled overnight.

Anastasia Tishchenko, 29, a human-rights reporter, said she struggled with the decision to relocate to the broadcaster’s office in Prague in 2021. It was a time when “you could feel some kind of danger” because of Russian pressure on the network, she said. “But you still didn’t see anything specifically dangerous to you.”

“Now I think that it’s one of the best decisions in my life,” she said in an interview, adding, “All of my friends who are well-educated, if they had opportunities, they escaped, living in Germany, Turkey, Portugal — but not in Russia.”

GOP inquiries of Biden to test Comer's power

By Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., stops to talk to reporters Jan. 9 as he makes his way to the House chamber. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

WASHINGTON — In early 2017, freshman Rep. James Comer found himself aboard Air Force One with the country's two most powerful Republicans, President Donald Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. As they returned to Washington from a Kentucky rally, the conversation turned to the president's first legislative push, with McConnell encouraging Trump to pursue an infrastructure deal.

But Trump and House GOP leaders chose instead to carry out a futile fight to repeal the Affordable Care Act. It was a mistake that Comer believes has cost his party for years — and one that serves as a lesson for him as he takes charge now of the powerful House Oversight and Accountability Committee.

"Let's commit to things that are achievable, not just red-meat talking points that will get you on Fox News for 4½ minutes," Comer said in March as Republicans campaigned to regain control of the House.

Those words will soon be put to a test.

Comer, the grandson of rural Kentucky political leaders, will lead a committee whose members are among the most hard-line conservatives in Congress. Some have introduced articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden and pledged far-reaching investigations of his administration and family, particularly his son Hunter Biden.

Comer has called for vigorous inquiries, too, and during Rep. Kevin McCarthy's grueling path to being elected House speaker, argued that the drawn-out process — 15 ballots over several days — was only delaying the start of that much-needed work.

And yes, Comer has landed regularly on Fox News.

Comer, who often goes by Jamie and speaks in a thick Appalachian drawl, has been little known nationally.

The 50-year-old is described by members of both parties as even-keeled and approachable, and his climb to power is playing out in an overtly partisan environment as Republicans hold a slim majority in the House and face Democratic control in the Senate.

Comer, first elected to public office at age 27, has pledged to go after waste, fraud and abuse in the government.

But as one of his first acts as chairman, he sent letters to former Twitter executives over the company's role in the handling of a New York Post story about Hunter Biden's laptop.

In December, Comer called for a halt to all funding of the FBI until bureau leaders came to Congress to explain claims made through internal Twitter communications that officials from the previous leadership team had suppressed right-wing voices. The FBI said those claims had no merit.

Comer is now also confronted by committee members utterly devoted to Trump and to returning him to the White House. Some cling to the baseless allegation that Trump beat Biden in 2020 and seem more bent on getting attention than achieving any legislative outcome.

"I think we've got an important job and I think it's important to be factual," Comer told the AP this past week. "I think it's important for the future of congressional investigations because, at this moment in time, congressional investigations don't have a lot of credibility because they've been so partisan."

The former state legislator arrived in Congress after losing the Republican nomination for governor in 2015, a mere 83 votes behind Matt Bevin, a tea party-backed rival.

Days before that primary election, a former college girlfriend outlined several allegations of abuse against Comer in an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal. Comer, who acknowledged dating the woman, denied abusing her, saying at the time that the crime of domestic violence "sickens me."

He came to Washington with a mission to work his way up from the backbench of the committee he now heads. In the last Congress, he became the top Republican on the committee, which was led by then-Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

Maloney, who lost a Democratic primary to Rep. Jerry Nadler last year, said she had a good working relationship with Comer. "He was a partisan fighter, but it was also reasonable," she said in an interview. "And we did work together on several bills that helped the country."

Asked whether she thought Comer would be able to lead the committee in a divided Washington, Maloney said: "I think you'll soon find out. He was a serious legislator with me."

Appointed to Comer's committee this past week were ultra-conservative firebrands and loyal Trump allies Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, Lauren Boebert of Colorado and Paul Gosar of Arizona. Their additions are expected to further complicate the chairman's ability to not stray the committee into the fringe.

"I think that Kevin McCarthy has put him in something of a squeeze play by giving in to all of the extreme right-wing demands in order to assemble his thin majority and then placing so many of the extremist members on the Oversight Committee," said Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the committee.

"And I know it will take every bit of political skill that he has to both conduct serious oversight and then also accommodate the demands of a group of members who can often be fanatical and unreasonable."

Greene introduced articles of impeachment against Biden on his first day of office and promised to pursue the effort once seated on the committee.

"Joe Biden, be prepared. We are going to uncover every corrupt business dealing, every foreign entanglement, every abuse of power, and every check cut for The Big Guy," Greene said in a statement last week.

The White House responded this week by saying that Comer is "setting the stage for divorced-from-reality political stunts."

Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., who is returning to the committee this session, said he has confidence in Comer's ability to steer the ship. "He's interested in what the facts and the details are," Donalds said. "He's not hunting for news cameras and stuff like that. He just wants to get the job done."

One of the main GOP targets will be the Biden family, specifically the business dealings of Hunter Biden and James Biden, the president's brother.

Comer has pledged there won't be hearings regarding the Biden family until the committee has the evidence to back up any claims of alleged wrongdoing. He also acknowledged that the stakes are high whenever an investigation centers on the leader of a political party.

"I just feel like, for better or worse, we're going to be judged differently than Adam Schiff," Comer said, referring to the Democratic congressman from California who led the first impeachment of Trump and who has become a boogeyman of the right. "I don't think he suffered the ire of the media like Republicans would suffer if we crank out stuff that's not true."

ANALYSIS

NATO united on Ukraine, but cracks emerge

By David E. Sanger and Eric Schmitt
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U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, left, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Jan. 17 in Washington. Cleverly believes that Ukraine could win its war with Russia in 2023 if allies move fast to exploit the Kremlin's weaknesses. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP**

WASHINGTON — The billions of dollars in new arms for Ukraine announced this month — including British tanks, American fighting vehicles, and howitzers from Denmark and Sweden — are testament to Russian President Vladimir Putin's failure to split the NATO allies after nearly a year of war. But small yet significant fractures are getting too big to hide.

The differences are over strategy for the coming year and the more immediate question of what Ukraine needs in the next few months, as both sides in the war prepare for major offensives in the spring. And although most of those debates take place behind closed doors, Britain's impatience with the current pace of aid and Germany's refusal to provide Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine broke out into public view last week.

When the new British foreign secretary, James Cleverly, visited Washington, he made the case that it is possible for Ukraine to score a "victory" in the war this year if the allies move fast to exploit Russia's weaknesses. Officials in Poland, the Baltic States and Finland have largely agreed with the British assessment.

But American officials say it is critical to pace the aid, and not flood Ukraine with equipment its troops cannot yet operate. And they argue that in a world of limited resources, it would be wise to keep something in reserve for what the Pentagon believes will probably be a drawn-out conflict, in which Russia will try to wear Ukraine down.

On Friday, at the conclusion of a meeting in Germany of the dozens of nations supplying the war effort, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, repeated the assessment he has offered since the fall.

"For this year, it would be very, very difficult to militarily eject the Russian forces," he said. The best that could be hoped for is pressing Russia into a diplomatic negotiation — the way most wars end.

Then came the more immediate blowup with the German government of Chancellor Olaf Scholz, over his refusal to send what many military experts believe could be a decisive weapon in Ukrainian hands: German-built Leopard 2 tanks.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin spent several days trying to persuade the Germans to ship them, or at least allow Poland and other nations that use the tanks to reexport them. But by the time the meeting with scores of allies ended, German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius reported that no agreement had been reached, although he said they would make a decision "as soon as possible." He and Austin tried to focus on the unity of the effort to confront Russia, rather than the obvious rift over arms.

Differences of strategy among wartime allies is the norm. In World War II, there were major debates about whether to focus on defeating Nazi Germany first and turn to Japan — which had actually attacked American territory. Similar debates happened during the Korean War, Vietnam and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Because the United States was providing the bulk of the fighting force, it usually prevailed.

But in interviews with U.S., British and other European officials, including senior military leaders, it is clear that Ukraine is different. Only the Ukrainians are on the line, and no one wants to tell them how to fight a battle in which their forces, the only ones engaged in the daily brutality, have shown both grit and determination. But with both Russia and Ukraine planning fresh offensives, the debate over strategy and arms has reached what the NATO secretary-general has called "an inflection point."

The Ukrainians have made no secret that much as they appreciate the support of their allies, what they are getting is not enough. When Britain announced it was sending Challenger 2 tanks, Ukraine's foreign minister and defense minister issued a joint statement thanking the British government but adding that "it is not sufficient to achieve operational goals."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was typically blunt. After thanking the United States for a $2.5 billion contribution of arms, atop $3 billion announced weeks earlier, he said: "Hundreds of thank yous are not hundreds of tanks."

American officials were clearly frustrated after their negotiations with the German government last week. Germany had begun by saying that it would send Leopard tanks, and authorize others to, if the United States sent its M1 Abrams tank as well. The United States declined, saying the tank is such a gas guzzler — it employs a jet engine — and requires such a supply line to keep running that it would not be useful in Ukraine's environment. (The officials dodged questions about why a tank so difficult to operate on European battlefields is in the American arsenal.)

The British Challengers and German Leopards are more flexible and easier to run. But in public, Austin and others avoided criticizing Scholz, who in their view has managed the biggest reversal of German foreign policy — starting with the suspension of two pipelines bringing gas from Russia — quite skillfully.

Scholz's real concern, they suspect, is that he does not believe the world is ready to see German tanks near the borders of Russia, a reminder of the Nazi invasion in World War II. One senior American official said that if Scholz and the German public are worried about that, in these circumstances "they are the only ones who are."

Although Germany did not say yes to sending Leopard tanks last week, it didn't say no, either — at least not yet. But Ukraine has a very narrow window of time in which to launch a potentially decisive spring offensive before the Russians do, and the tanks are a key part of that effort.

Before that launch, Ukraine has to muster thousands of combat-ready troops, receive new advanced weapons from the West, and train their soldiers in how to use and maintain those arms.

Getting all that done would be, according to Milley, "a very, very heavy lift."

That's why Germany's delay on approving tanks was so frustrating to Austin and other top Western officials who had been trying all last week to reach an agreement with their German counterparts to provide what Ukraine needs now to wrest back territory.

"If we stop now or limit or diminish it, it will all have been in vain," said Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister Wopke Hoekstra. "We have to double down. There is no substitute for victory on the battlefield."

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia lashes out with new attacks

Deadly wave comes after US, Germany OK sending tanks

By Hanna Arhirova and Samya Kullab
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Residents near a building destroyed in a missile strike Thursday in Hlevakha, Ukraine. **BRENDAN HOFFMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces fired another rash of missiles and self-exploding drones in nearly a dozen provinces of Ukraine early Thursday, causing the first attack-related death of the year in Kyiv and killing at least 11 people in all, according to Ukrainian authorities.

The attacks stuck to Russia's recent pattern of striking power plants and other critical infrastructure about every two weeks. However, the latest onslaught came after Germany and the United States upped the ante in Russia's 11-month war by promising Wednesday to send high-tech battle tanks to Ukraine and green-lighting other allies to do the same.

The spokesperson for Ukraine's State Emergency Service, Oleksandr Khorunzhyi, said at least 11 people were also wounded.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said one person was killed during the attacks, the city's first such death since New Year's Eve.

Two others were injured, he said.

The head of the Kyiv city administration, Serhii Popko, said Ukrainian air defenses shot down 15 cruise missiles heading to the area.

The regional prosecutor's office in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia province said three people were killed and seven injured in a strike on an energy facility. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the commander of Ukraine's armed forces, said Thursday's volley involved a total of 55 missiles, of which 47 were intercepted.

Self-exploding drones swept in overnight before the missile strikes. As air raid sirens echoed across the country, civilians, some tugging pet dogs on leashes, poured into subway stations, underground parking lots and basements to seek shelter. It was the first such barrage of Russian firepower across the country since Jan. 14.

Russia has carried out massive strikes on Ukrainian energy facilities since early October, part of a strategy to try to hamper Ukrainian forces and to keep civilians in the cold and dark during the winter before what many experts predict could be a springtime offensive.

Ukrainian Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko acknowledged that some sites were hit, resulting in emergency power outages.

In Kyiv's southern Holosiivsky district, Arkadii Kuritsyn, 53, said he heard an explosion that blew out windows of several trucks parked next to his scrap metal business and snapped several nearby trees in half.

But the strikes did not reach what appeared to be the intended target: a nearby district power plant.

The industrial area has witnessed several missile attacks already, due to its proximity to the power station, said Andrii Tarasenko, 36, who works in a factory nearby.

"I am not surprised it was targeted again," he said. "We've gotten used to it."

The attacks came a day after Germany said it would supply 14 Leopard 2 battle tanks to Ukraine and authorize other European countries to send up to 88 more. The U.S. said it planned to ship 31 Abrams M1 tanks to Ukrainian forces.

Along with Germany and the U.S., Britain, Poland, the Netherlands and Sweden are among the nations that have sent or announced plans to supply hundreds of tanks and heavy armored vehicles to fortify Ukraine as it enters a new phase of the war and tries to break through entrenched Russian lines.

The British government said Thursday that it would start training Ukrainian troops next week on how to use and fix Challenger 2 tanks. The U.K. is giving 14 of the tanks to Ukraine's forces, and Defense Minister Alex Chalk said they should arrive in Ukraine by the end of March.

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said Ukrainian crews will start their training in Germany in coming days on German-made Marders, which are infantry fighting vehicles, while training on the heavier Leopard 2 tanks would start "a little later."

"In any case, the aim with the Leopards is to have the first company in Ukraine by the end of March, beginning of April," he added. "I can't say the precise day."

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg declined to speculate on the timing of the tanks' arrival but told Britain's Sky News the "allies are extremely focused on the importance of speed."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the move to provide Ukraine with modern tanks reflected the West's growing involvement in the conflict.

"Both European capitals and Washington keep saying that the delivery of various kinds of weapons systems, including tanks, to Ukraine, absolutely does not mean the involvement of these countries or the alliance in the hostilities ongoing in Ukraine," Peskov told reporters. "We categorically disagree with that."

He added: "Moscow views everything that has been done by the alliance and the capitals I have mentioned as direct involvement in the conflict. We can see it growing."

French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, who happened to be in Ukraine's Black Sea port city of Odesa on Thursday, in part to meet with Ukraine's foreign minister, told France's LCI television that Thursday's attacks went beyond retaliation.

"What we saw this morning — that is, new strikes on civilian installations — that is not making war. It is making war crimes," Colonna said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Trump impeachment leader Schiff says he's seeking seat in Senate

From news services

Balancing act: Indian army members display their skill on motorcycles during India's Republic Day celebrations Thursday in New Delhi. Tens of thousands, including Egyptian President Fattah El-Sissi, braved chilly weather in the capital city to watch a parade that showcased India's military might on the 73rd anniversary of the adoption of the country's constitution. **MANISH SWARUP/AP**

LOS ANGELES — Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, who rose to national prominence as the lead prosecutor in President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial, said Thursday he is running for the Senate seat held by long-serving Democrat Dianne Feinstein.

The 2024 race is quickly emerging as a marquee Senate contest, even though the 89-year-old Feinstein, the oldest member of Congress, has yet to announce if she will seek another term, though her retirement is widely expected.

Schiff is jumping in two weeks after Rep. Katie Porter became the first candidate to declare her campaign for the safe Democratic seat.

Schiff, a former federal prosecutor, made clear he intends to anchor his candidacy to his role as Trump's chief antagonist in Congress.

In his campaign kickoff video, Schiff said the "biggest job of his life" was serving as impeachment manager, and he promised to continue to be a "fighter" for democracy.

"If our democracy isn't delivering for Americans, they'll look for alternatives, like a dangerous demagogue who promises that he alone can fix it," Schiff said of Trump, who has announced his 2024 campaign for the presidency.

Feinstein, a former San Francisco mayor who joined the Senate in 1992, said this week that she will make a decision about 2024 in the "next couple of months."

In recent years, questions have arisen about Feinstein's cognitive health and memory, though she has defended her effectiveness in representing a state that is home to nearly 40 million people.

Schiff said Thursday that he had spoken to Feinstein a day earlier to inform her about his plans.

Schiff was first elected to Congress in 2000 and represents parts of Hollywood. The 62-year-old has been a frequent target of conservatives and Trump in particular.

Classified docs check: The National Archives has asked former U.S. presidents and vice presidents to recheck their personal records for any classified documents following the news that President Joe Biden and former Vice President Mike Pence had such documents in their possession, two people familiar with the matter said Thursday.

The Archives sent a letter to representatives of former presidents and vice presidents extending back to Ronald Reagan to ensure compliance with the Presidential Records Act, according to the two people who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The act states that any records created or received by the president are the property of the U.S. government and will be managed by the archives at the end of the administration.

The Archives sent the letter to representatives of former Presidents Donald Trump, Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Reagan, and former Vice Presidents Pence, Biden, Dick Cheney, Al Gore and Dan Quayle, they said.

Haiti police protest: Outraged rebel police officers paralyzed the Haitian capital city of Port-au-Prince on Thursday, roaring through the streets on motorcycles in protest killings of police officers by gangs.

More than 100 protesters blocked roads, shot guns into the air, and broke through gates in the capital's airport and the prime minister's house, with tensions escalating during the day.

Gangs have killed at least 10 officers in the past week. A video likely recorded by gangs and acknowledged by police Thursday shows the naked and bloodied bodies of six officers stretched out on the dirt with their guns on their chests.

The deaths enraged members of Fantom 509, an armed group of current and former police officers that has demanded better conditions for officers.

The Caribbean nation has been gripped by gang wars and political chaos following the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moise.

Pelosi's husband: Footage of the attack on former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband will be released to the public after a judge denied prosecutors' request to keep it secret.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Stephen Murphy ruled on Wednesday that there was no reason to keep the footage secret, especially after prosecutors played it in open court during a preliminary hearing last month, according to Thomas Burke, a San Francisco-based lawyer who represented several news agencies in their attempt to access the evidence.

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office handed over the evidence to Murphy on Wednesday following a court hearing. Murphy asked the court clerk's office to distribute it to the media.

Paul Pelosi, Nancy Pelosi's husband, was asleep at the couple's San Francisco home on Oct. 28 when someone broke in and beat him with a hammer. Prosecutors have charged David DePape, 42, in connection with the attack.

IS official killed: U.S. forces have killed a senior Islamic State group official and 10 other terrorist operatives in northern Somalia, the Biden administration announced Thursday.

The operation carried out Wednesday targeted Bilal al-Sudani, a key financial facilitator for the terror group, in a mountain cave complex.

President Joe Biden was briefed last week about the proposed mission, which came together after months of planning.

He gave final approval to carry out the operation this week, according to two officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Sudani, who has been on the radar for U.S. intelligence officials for years, played a key role in helping to fund IS operations in Africa as well as the ISIS-K terrorist branch operating in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said.

Race and ethnicity: A Middle Eastern and North African category could be added to U.S. federal surveys and censuses, and changes could be made to how Hispanics are able to self-identify, under preliminary recommendations released Thursday by the Biden administration in what would be the first update to race and ethnicity standards in decades.

The federal government's standards haven't been changed since 1997, two decades after they were created as part of an effort to collect consistent race and ethnicity data across federal agencies when handling censuses, federal surveys and application forms for government benefits.

Questions about race and Hispanic ethnicity are asked separately using the 1997 standards. They would be combined into a single question under the initial proposals.

Using the 1997 standards, U.S. residents from Middle Eastern and North African countries were encouraged to identify as "white." But under the new proposal, there would be a separate category for people often referred to by the acronym MENA.

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors

Cubs outfielder Brennen Davis is introduced Jan. 13 at the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The waiting game

Rookies Mervis, Davis are long shots to be found on Cubs' opening-day roster

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

The time-honored idea of a rookie forcing his way onto a team's opening-day roster with a sizzling spring training seems to have gone the way of the complete game, the sacrifice bunt and the brushback pitch.

It seems like a lifetime ago that Cubs manager Dusty Baker began the spring of 2003 by inviting fans to dream of the proverbial phenom emerging to win a job.

"Everybody goes to spring training looking for an Albert Pujols," Baker said of the St. Louis Cardinals slugger who had been a no-name only two years earlier.

"You have to leave some room for some spontaneous surprise."

The game has changed drastically since then. There is little spontaneity in the modern baseball mindset and few surprises when it comes to opening-day rosters.

This Cubs spring camp, which begins Feb. 15 in Mesa, Ariz., figures to be no different.

Cubs fans can recite the litany of supposed spring phenoms who would never make it big, from Gary Scott to Kevin Orie to Felix Pie. They also can point to the last time a Cubs rookie actually lived up to the spring hype, when third baseman Kris Bryant hit eight homers in his first 25 Cactus League at-bats in 2015.

When manager Joe Maddon worked Bryant out in the outfield in late March, Cubs fans hoped he had beaten the odds and would make the team.

"I'm still here and still standing," Bryant told reporters.

But Bryant was sent to Triple-A Iowa a week later despite leading the majors with

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FOOTBALL

Senior Bowl will showcase the Illini

Martin, Brown twins are part of a record showing for Illinois

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune

Even with Illinois cornerback Devon Witherspoon withdrawing from the Senior Bowl, next week will be big for the Illini in Mobile, Alabama.

Three Illinois players are on the National roster, the most in program history (the Illini sent two players 16 times). Coming off an 8-5 season in Bret Bielema's second year running the program, safeties Jartavius "Quan" Martin and Sydney Brown will be joined by running back Chase Brown.

Witherspoon has emerged as potentially the top cornerback in the draft class — an almost certain first-round pick — and it is not unusual for elite prospects to back out of the game. The Illini secondary will be well represented, though, with Martin and Sydney Brown.

Martin's value as a potential Day 2 pick is enhanced because he showed versatility playing safety, cornerback and nickel cornerback, something he did against Michigan State and Purdue.

"My phone is blowing up because a lot of teams are finally watching tape," said Illini defensive coordinator Aaron Henry, who was promoted from secondary coach after last season. "Illinois isn't sexy in a historical context in comparison to Michigan, Ohio State, Alabama and Georgia. But we've got some very special players.

"Quan is the ultimate Swiss Army knife. He can play anything, and I truly believe a lot of people are watching him now. Whatever they had him at, his stock is going to skyrocket because he is so valuable because he literally can play anything. He's going go light the Senior Bowl up. Everybody thought that Kerby Joseph (a safety the Detroit Lions drafted in the third round last year) practiced hard at the Senior Bowl. They haven't seen nothing yet. I got eight calls (from NFL teams Wednes-

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Illinois safety Quan Martin, right, sacks Mississippi State quarterback Will Rogers on Jan. 2 in Tampa, Florida. **CHRIS OMEARA/AP**

BLACKHAWKS

Calling card: Harms finally gets his honor

Upper Deck does its part to commemorate 8 Indigenous players

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

John Harms seemed to fade from Blackhawks lore just as quickly as he arrived.

Harms, a 5-foot-8, 160-pound right wing for the Hawks from 1943-45, is best known for being the first player to score his first three goals in a Stanley Cup Final — before he ever scored in a regular-season game.

But he found himself out of the picture in Chicago.

Now he'll be remembered through a trading-card series by Upper Deck commemorating eight Indigenous players, called the First Peoples Rookie Cards.

Artist Jacob Alexis, who hails from the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, designed the cards. The narratives on the backs were written by collector Naim Cardinal, who is a Cree and member of Tallcree First Nation, according to a release from Upper Deck.

Paul Nguyen, a senior marketing manager for Upper Deck, told Associated Press that Cardinal first suggested the cards at a trade show a few years ago.

"We thought that was an interesting concept," Nguyen said. "So we asked other people within the hockey community to see if there

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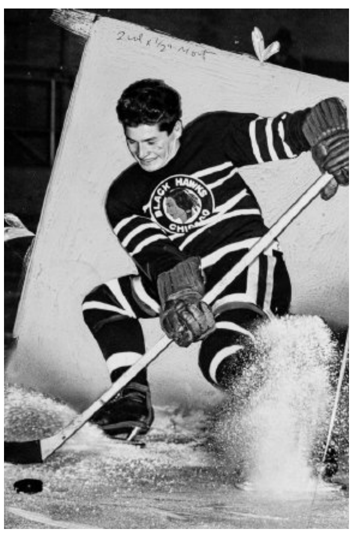

A Chicago Herald American photo from the Chicago Tribune archive of Blackhawks forward Johnny Harms printed on Oct. 29, 1944. **CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN**

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Blackhawks at Oilers 9 p.m.
Saturday, NBCSCH

BULLS

No timeline given on Green's return to court

Power forward still recovering from procedure on knee

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nearly four weeks since his last game for the Chicago Bulls, uncertainty lingers for power forward Javonte Green.

Two weeks after undergoing an arthroscopic debridement to address lingering issues from a bone bruise in his right knee, Green has not returned to running or jumping. Coach Billy Donovan said Thursday that Green could require one to two more weeks of recovery before progressing beyond noncontact activities such as riding a stationary bike.

Donovan added that the Bulls do not have a timeline for Green's expected return — to contact activities or games.

"We'll have a much better feel once he can get started," Donovan said before the Bulls played the Hornets. "Once he starts moving, I think we'll get a much better feel of how he responds to that."

This is a hauntingly familiar refrain for Bulls fans, who have

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Another second-half meltdown

Bulls drop from playoff picture, fall to 11th in conference

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Bulls followed the same stale script Thursday in their second consecutive loss, crumbling in the second half of a 111-96 defeat to the Hornets.

The Hornets — who have the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference at 14-36 — are a not a team that wins readily at the Spectrum Center. They entered the game having registered only five home victories.

The Bulls (22-26) fell to 0-2 on a three-game trip against sub-500 teams that only a few days ago appeared to be a golden opportunity to extend a winning streak and move up in the East standings. Instead, they dropped out of the playoff picture and are in 11th place.

Hornets guard Terry Rozier drives to the basket against Bulls guard Ayo Dosunmu during the second half Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. Rozier scored 28 points in the Hornets' 111-96 win. **NELL REDMOND/AP**

The lows

■ The Bulls continued a worrying trend of allowing leads to evaporate in the third quarter. After creating a 55-47 advantage to end the first half, the Bulls seemed set to protect that margin for the opening eight minutes of the third quarter. But that resilience melted away in the final four minutes as the Hornets went on a 10-0 run to tie the game 71-71. Although the Hornets managed to take a five-point lead, the Bulls closed the quarter with a 7-0 run to regain the lead. Alex Caruso had an offensive rebound and putback layup to secure a 79-77 margin heading into the fourth.

■ All five Bulls starters reached double digits in scoring by midway through the third quarter, but that wasn't enough. The Bulls were held under 100 points by the fourth-worst defense in the NBA despite a 28-point performance from DeMar DeRozan. Zach LaVine went 8-for-19 from the field and finished with 18 points while Nikola Vučević went 5-for-16 and scored 12. The Bulls shot 37-for-91 (40.7%) from the field overall and registered only five assists in the second half.

■ This was an especially cold night of 3-point shooting for both teams. The Bulls did not make a 3-pointer in the third quarter. The Hornets missed 18 consecutive 3-point attempts in the second half. But they were able to sink a pair of 3s in the fourth quarter and finished 7 of 32 (21.9%) while the Bulls went 4-for-25 (16%) from behind the arc — registering three of their four makes in the opening quarter.

The highs

■ The Bulls took a 55-47 lead into halftime behind a balanced offense, registering 11 assists on 23 makes while LaVine, DeRozan and Vučević each reached double digits in scoring. The promising start, however, was still marred by sloppy possessions and a lack of intensity on defense, which was partially bailed out by the Hornets' poor 3-point shooting.

Quote of the game

"We've got to come out and be more desperate. We're not desperate enough. Teams are coming out and playing the way we should. It's not until we become more desperate that things are going to change. If not, it's all going to stay the same." — DeMar DeRozan

Stat of the game

A lack of ball control fueled yet another second-half collapse from the Bulls, who coughed up five turnovers in the third quarter to fuel the Hornets on their run.

Injury report

Goran Dragić missed the game because of a non-COVID-19 illness, but coach Billy Donovan said the backup guard is expected to meet the team in Orlando on Friday.

Where they stand

The Bulls fell to 22-26 and dropped to 11th place in the East.

Up next

The Bulls wrap up their road trip against the Magic at 6 p.m. Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

Bulls forward Javonte Green, right, towels off teammate Derrick Jones Jr. during a game earlier this month. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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once he can get started," Donovan said before the Bulls played the Hornets. "Once he starts moving, I think we'll get a much better feel of how he responds to that."

This is a hauntingly familiar refrain for Bulls fans, who have spent more than a year awaiting the return of point guard Lonzo Ball. Ball initially injured the MCL in his left knee — which required surgery on Jan. 20, 2021 — and his recovery was extended because of a bone bruise, then accompanied by pain in the following months.

Green hasn't been fully available since Dec. 2. He returned for a pair of three-game stints before the Bulls determined he required the debridement procedure, which he underwent Jan. 11.

Unlike Ball, Donovan said Green's recovery is continuing as expected.

"Everything has gone according to schedule," Donovan said. "He's been fine. There's been no setbacks, and I wouldn't anticipate any of that."

Green was unable to travel to Paris for the Bulls' game against the Detroit Pistons on Jan. 19 because of the four-day proximity between his surgery and the team's departure. But he joined the Bulls on the road this week, catching rebounds and making passes during shootaround Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., while his teammates jokingly referred to him as "Coach Green."

Goran Dragićplans to meet the Bulls in Orlando, Fla.: Donovan said Dragić will join the Bulls on Friday in Orlando after the backup guard missed the first two games of the three-game trip with a non-COVID illness.

Dragić has been unavailable for the Bulls since the team returned from Paris. Donovan said Dragić was able to work out for several days in Chicago ahead of flying to Orlando on Friday. His return will help to ease a depleted bench with Green unavailable.

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was an appetite for a set like this, and we heard yes."

The other players honored with cards are Dan Frawley (Pittsburgh Penguins), Danny Hodgson (Toronto Maple Leafs), Victor Mercredi (Atlanta Flames), Rocky Trottier (New Jersey Devils), William LeCaine (Pittsburgh Penguins), Ted Nolan (Detroit Red Wings) and Jason Simon (Phoenix Coyotes).

William Douglas of the NHL's The Color of Hockey blog first reported the set's release.

Harms was born April 29, 1925, in Battleford, Saskatchewan, "to John Laird and Helen Haubeck, a woman of Cree descent," according to a 2003 obituary in the Vernon, British Columbia, Morning Star and corroborated by the Society for International Hockey Research.

"John was adopted and raised by Helen and John Harms Sr., Dutch Mennonite migrant farmers," according to the report.

Harms played for the minor-league affiliate Hershey Bears in 1943-44 before making his NHL debut against the Bruins on March 14, 1944, at Boston Garden. He wouldn't make another appearance until the '44 Stanley Cup Final against the Canadiens in April.

A Tribune article on April 3, 1944, foretold his big opportunity.

"Johnny Harms, a 19 year old from Saskatoon, Sask., and hockey being what it is, Johnny could be a personage before the seven game series runs its course," Edward Prell wrote.

On April 4, Harms made his playoff debut in Game 1. He scored a goal in each of the next three games, but the Habs swept the series in four games in Montreal.

The following season, he scored 5 minutes, 15 seconds into the season opener against the Maple Leafs on Oct. 29, 1944. The Hawks went on to lose 11-5 at Chicago Stadium, and Harms would score only four more goals and add five assists in 43 games that season.

After its conclusion, he never played in another NHL game.

Harms went on to play for the USHL's Kansas City Pla-Mors and Kansas City Mohawks, the Western International Hockey League's Nelson Maple Leafs, the Western Canada Senior Hockey League's Regina Capitals and the Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League's Kelowna Packers and Vernon Canadians, with whom he finished his career in 1961.

Harms was inducted into the British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame in 2002 as a member of the semipro Canadians, with whom he won the 1956 Allan Cup.

He died Jan. 5, 2003, at 77.

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White Sox lefty Gary Peters circa Sept. 6, 1963. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO**

Ex-Sox pitcher dies

Was named the 1963 AL Rookie of the Year and a 2-time All-Star

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Gary Peters, the 1963 American League Rookie of Year for the Chicago White Sox, died at 85, the team announced Thursday.

A two-time All-Star, the left-handed pitcher spent parts of 11 seasons with the White Sox (1959-69). His final three seasons were with the Boston Red Sox (1970-72).

Peters had a 124-103 career record with a 3.25 ERA and 1,420 strikeouts in 359 appearances (286 starts).

After making 12 appearances total from 1959-62, Peters had 30 starts (41 outings overall) in 1963, going 19-8 while leading the American League with a 2.33 ERA. He had 13 complete games, struck out 189 and walked just 68 in 243 innings.

He was named the AL Rookie of the Year and placed eighth in Most Valuable Player voting.

A Nov. 30, 1963 Chicago Tribune article with the headline "Gary Peters voted best rookie of '63 noted a string of 11 consecutive victories for the "6 foot 2 inch, 200-pound Pennsylvanian."

It also mentioned his ability at the plate: "Peters also was the leading hitter among pitchers in the majors. He batted .259, making 21 hits, including three homers, one triple and four doubles. The lefty, who came into professional baseball as a first baseman, drove in 12 runs."

Peters led the AL with 20 victories — a career-high — the next season. He was an All-Star and placed seventh in MVP voting.

Peters topped the AL in ERA (1.98) again in 1966.

He went 16-11 with a 2.28 ERA and a career-best 215 strikeouts the next season, making the All-Star team and finishing ninth in MVP voting.

He is eighth on the White Sox all-time list with 1,098 strikeouts.

"The White Sox send our condolences to the family and friends of Gary Peters," the team said in part of a tweet.

Top Sox prospects get spring invites

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Fan favorite Billy Hamilton is among nine free agents the White Sox signed to minor-league contracts, the team announced Thursday.

The outfielder is one of 26 players — including 17 from within the organization — to have received non-roster invites to spring training camp in Glendale, Arizona.

The Sox also signed right-handed pitchers Keynan Middleton and Jesse Scholtens, left-hander Nate Fisher, catcher Sebastián Rivero, infielders Hanser Alberto and Erik González and outfielders Jake Marisnick and Víctor Reyes to minor-league contracts. All are non-roster invitees.

The players to receive non-roster invites from within the organization are right-handed pitchers Sean Burke, Declan Cronin, Edgar Navarro, Lane Ramsey and Matthew Thompson; left-handers Fraser Ellard, Sammy Peralta and Andrew Perez; catchers Adam Hackenberg and Evan Skoug; infielders Moisés Castillo, Luis Mieses, Colson Montgomery and Zach Remillard; and outfielders Yoelqui Céspedes, Oscar Colás and Adam Haseley.

Montgomery (No. 1), Colás (No. 2), Burke (No. 5), Thompson (No. 12), Céspedes (No. 16), Mieses (No. 20) and Hackenberg (No. 30) are among the team's top prospects, according to Baseball America. Montgomery (No. 39) and Colás (No. 89) were ranked in the Top 100 prospects in baseball by Baseball America.

Colás is expected to be a candidate for right field after finishing with a combined .314/.371/.524 slash line with 23 home runs and 79 RBIs in 117 games for Class A Winston-Salem (59 games), Double-A Birmingham (51) and Triple-A Charlotte last season.

The 32-year-old Hamilton, a 10-year veteran, played in 71 games for the Sox in 2021, providing a jolt to the division-winning team with his defense. He stole 10 bases in 37 combined games last season for the Miami Marlins and Minnesota Twins.

Marisnick, 31, could be in the mix for outfield depth. He slashed .234/.272/.390 with two homers and six RBIs in 31 games for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2022. Marisnick hit a career-high 16 home runs in 2017 with the Houston Astros.

Pitchers and catchers report to spring training Feb. 15. Position players report Feb. 20, which also is the date for the first full-squad workout.

White Sox announce extensions for Jason Benetti and Steve Stone: Benetti and Stone will be back in the TV booth for the White Sox, the team announced Thursday.

The Sox picked up the multiyear option for Benetti, who is entering his eighth season with the club, and announced a multiyear extension with analyst Stone, who is entering his 16th season on the South Side.

Sox announce more international signings: The Sox came to terms with 11 additional international free agents.

The group includes catchers Angelo Hernández ($500,000 signing bonus), Stiven Flores ($250,000) and Elías Riera ($35,000), infielders Javier Mogollón ($75,000), Eyke Ugueto ($60,000) and Adrián Gil ($40,000), outfielder Marcelo Alcalá ($50,000), and right-handed pitchers Óscar Hernández ($75,000), José Malavé ($50,000), Jordany Chirinos ($50,000) and Fabián Ysalla ($50,000).

2 White Sox picked for Cuba's WBC team

Associated Press

HAVANA — Cubans signed with Major League Baseball organizations and other foreign clubs will join domestic stars for the first time on the national team that will play in the World Baseball Classic, officials announced Wednesday evening.

The Cuban Baseball Federation long defended the idea of amateurism and punished those who left the island to seek their fortunes in professional baseball.

But that changed when a program on state television announced the roster of 30 players for Cuba's national team that will play in the international tournament that begins March 8 in Taiwan.

The team will include third baseman Yoán Moncada and center fielder Luis Robert of the Chicago White Sox plus three players from Triple-A rosters: infielder Andy Ibáñez of the Detroit Tigers' Toledo Mud Hens, right-hander Miguel Romero of the Oakland Athletics' Las Vegas Aviators and right-hander Ronald Bolaños of the Kansas City Royals' Omaha Storm Chasers.

White Sox center fielder Luis Robert, left, laughs with third baseman Yoán Moncada during a workout on Oct. 9, 2021 at Guaranteed Rate Field. **JOHN J. KIM / CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Also on the team will be former New York Mets outfielder Yoenis Céspedes, a 37-year-old, two-time All-Star who last played in the major leagues in 2018.

Two Cubans who play in Japan were picked: outfielder Yurisbel Gracial of the Pacific League's Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks and catcher Ariel Martínez of the Central League's Chunichi Dragons.

To arrange participation of the MLB players, Cuba had to get special permission from the United States because Washington maintains sanctions on Cuba. Under the agreement, those players are barred from coming to Cuba to work with the team.

Baseball is the national sport in Cuba, but economic difficulties, the philosophy of restricting the movement of athletes and the temptations of professional contracts abroad has decimated the game on the island.

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nine homers and a .425 average. Mike Olt was handed the third-base job, and by keeping Bryant off the 25-man roster for at least 12 days, the Cubs retained his rights through 2021 instead of 2020.

In a few weeks the Cubs will bring first baseman Matt Mervis and outfielder Brennen Davis to camp with a theoretical shot at becoming a spontaneous surprise.

But Davis is coming off an injury-marred season after dealing with a stress reaction in his back, and Mervis is not on the 40-man roster. Both face uphill battles to make it to Wrigley Field on opening day, but isn't that what makes spring training great?

The signing of left-handed-hitting Eric Hosmer to a one-year deal was seen as the move that officially blocked Mervis, who also hits from the left side, from starting the season at first.

Hosmer was a cheap option at the major-league minimum $720,000 after the Red Sox released him, and if he doesn't rebound offensively it wouldn't be shocking to see the Cubs go in another direction by midseason.

When asked how much Hosmer will play, Cubs President Jed Hoyer said at the team convention that the veteran would get plenty of at-bats.

"It's yet to be seen, but certainly we expect (Hosmer) to play every day against right-handed pitching for sure," Hoyer said. "We'll see how he does. He has an excellent reputation as a clubhouse guy. He's had a really impressive career.

"I think getting him at a time when he's coming out of a situation where obviously (the Padres) were trying to trade him for quite a while on that (eight-year, $144 million) contract, this is a fresh start for him.

"I know he's excited about it and I think he can really do a lot of good things for us."

Mervis seemingly could've been in competition for the designated-hitter role, even with Hosmer on board. But Hoyer then went out and signed veteran Trey Mancini to a two-year, $14 million deal, giving him another first-base/designated-hitter option from the right side.

Mervis, meanwhile, was selected to play for Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic, meaning he'll be away in the middle of camp while the WBC team trains and begins play in Miami.

"I'm not going to put any extra pressure on myself trying to make the team by having a great game and spring training because those guys are smarter than that," Mervis said at the Cubs Convention. "They're not going to see me hit a home run or whatever and say, yeah, he's ready to go.

"Obviously they're going to do a little bit more work than that and evaluate things however they need to."

Mervis hit 36 home runs with 119 RBIs and a .984 OPS in three stops last year, making the rise from Class A South Bend to Iowa. He turns 25 in April, but with only one solid season behind him it makes sense the Cubs would want to see more out of Mervis before handing him a major-league job.

Davis has a better opportunity than Mervis to make it to opening day but also has to be considered a long shot at best.

The Cubs' starting outfield is set with Ian Happ, Cody Bellinger and Seiya Suzuki, and Christopher Morel will be available off the bench when he's not playing third.

Davis and 20-year-old Kevin Alcántara, who played at Class A Myrtle Beach, were added to the 40-manroster in November. The back problem forced Davis to leave the Arizona Fall League after only five game last year, but Hoyer said they hope it's "behind him."

"Hopefully the winter will allow him to really get strong again," Hoyer said. "I think that was hard for him (in 2022). When he came back later on in the season, he wasn't strong enough.

"We've talked about that. It was good to see pitching, but I don't think he was strong enough to compete at his normal level."

After two years of denying the Cubs were in rebuild mode, Hoyer proved it by giving spots to veterans trying to kick-start their careers again over kids from the system.

Davis, Mervis and the other top prospects will have their day.

But when that day will come is anyone's guess.

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Surprising Truth About Hair Loss

It is commonly believed that hair loss is hereditary.

Unfortunately, most people think there is nothing they can do to stop it. However, while many doctors will tell you that thinning hair, a receding hairline, and bald spots are due to your genetics, this is not the whole story.

"While genetics play a role, it's not the main reason you lose hair," says Dr. Al Sears, the nation's top anti-aging doctor. "And surprisingly it's not just your age, thyroid, hormones, stress, or a vitamin deficiency, either."

The latest scientific research reveals that hair loss is primarily caused by the stem cells in your hair follicles dying.

"This discovery is a true breakthrough because by reviving these stem cells on your scalp, you can stop hair loss dead in its tracks and trigger new hair growth, even in areas that have been thinning for years," explains Dr. Sears.

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Regrows Hair In Just 30 Days

Scientists now know that stem cells are the lifeblood of your hair follicles. Research from the University of California shows they're the reason you're able to grow hair. However, these stem cells aren't always active. In fact, studies reveal they're only active during certain phases of the hair growth cycle.

"Your hair grows in three phases," explains Dr. Sears. "First, you have the anagen phase, the hair growing phase. Then the catagen phase, when hair gets ready to shed. And finally, the telogen phase, where your hair is pushed from the follicle and falls out."

As you get older it becomes harder for your hair follicles to complete this three-phase cycle. The results? Your hairs get stuck in the telogen phase. This is when they start falling out and stop regrowing, no matter what you try.

This process doesn't happen overnight, says Dr. Sears.

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For years, scientists couldn't figure out why hair follicle stem cells died.

However, a study from the University of California finally found the answer.

It has to do with T-cells — an important immune cell in your body. The researchers discovered these T-cells are the only way to command hair follicles to grow new hair.

More importantly, they showed that T-cells helped revive the stem cells in your hair follicles — spurring new growth, filling in bald spots and natural hairline.

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For example, the key nutrient of **Re-Nourish** was tested on a group of severely balding women.

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In another study, Italian researchers gathered a group of both men and women with thinning hair and applied the core ingredient of **Re-Nourish**. After 12 weeks, they reported a staggering 74% increase in hair growth.

"It's really mind-boggling that my hair started growing back," says Zan R., another **Re-Nourish** customer.

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FOOTBALL

Notre Dame defensive lineman Isaiah Foskey sacks California quarterback Jack Plummer on Sept. 17 in South Bend, Indiana. **MICHAEL CONROY/AP**

Senior

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day)."

Sydney Brown, the twin of Chase — who was fourth in FBS with 1,643 rushing yards — led the Illini with six interceptions after scouts asked coaches about his ability in coverage early in the season.

"There was this, 'Is he just an in-the-box safety?' " Henry said. "We put him in (coverage more) because we were hearing that. We just had him in the box because he's such a good blitzer. Sydney causes so much chaos for people. You don't know what he's doing, and we gave Sydney a lot of freedom. Really savvy. One of the smarter players I have been around."

After using their top two draft picks on defensive backs last year, the Chicago Bears figure to shift their focus to the front seven in order to restock Matt Eberflus' defense. A solid group of edge rushers will be in Mobile, although Texas Tech's Tyree Wilson, who was invited, will not participate. Wilson projects as a potential top-10 pick and could be on general manager Ryan Poles' radar in a trade-down scenario because of his combination of size and length at 6-foot-6, 275 pounds along with great strength and a high motor.

Iowa State's Will McDonald IV could be the highest-drafted pass rusher from the game. He had a team-high five sacks for the Cyclones and tied the Big 12 record with 34 for his career. The 6-3, 236-pounder is expected to test well at the scouting combine, but one scout said he's concerned McDonald is a better athlete than a football player.

He could generate real buzz in Mobile if he excels in one-on-one drills.

Auburn's Derick Hall and Notre Dame's Isaiah Foskey are potential Day 2 picks at the edge position. Hall is linear at 6-3, 256 and has the athletic ability to play well in space. Foskey set a program record with 26 ½ career sacks, and it will be interesting to see how well his athleticism stands out.

Army's Andre Carter is massive at 6-7, 260 pounds and plays with great power but has stiff hips and isn't fluid when he has to redirect.

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Boston	35	14	.714	—
Philadelphia	31	16	.660	3
Brooklyn	29	18	.617	5
New York	26	23	.531	9
Toronto	22	27	.449	13

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	27	22	.551	—
Atlanta	25	24	.510	2
Washington	22	26	.458	4½
Orlando	19	29	.396	7½
Charlotte	13	36	.265	14

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	31	17	.646	—
Cleveland	29	20	.592	2½
Indiana	24	26	.480	8
Chicago	22	25	.468	8½
Detroit	12	37	.245	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	31	17	.646	—
New Orleans	26	23	.531	5½
Dallas	25	24	.510	6½
San Antonio	14	34	.292	17
Houston	11	37	.229	20

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	34	15	.694	—
Minnesota	25	25	.500	9½
Utah	25	26	.490	10
Oklahoma City	23	25	.479	10½
Portland	23	25	.479	10½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	27	20	.574	—
L.A. Clippers	26	24	.520	2½
Phoenix	25	24	.510	3
Golden State	24	24	.500	3½
L.A. Lakers	23	26	.469	5

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago at Charlotte, late
Detroit at Brooklyn, late
New York at Boston, late
Cleveland at Houston, late
Dallas at Phoenix, late
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Indiana, 6p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 6:30p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Denver at Philadelphia, 2p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 4:30p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 6p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Charlotte, noon
Indiana at Memphis, 5p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 6p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando 126, Indiana 120
Philadelphia 137, Brooklyn 133
Atlanta 137, Oklahoma City 132
Milwaukee 107, Denver 99
Washington 108, Houston 103
Minnesota 111, New Orleans 102
Toronto 113, Sacramento 95
Portland 134, Utah 124
L.A. Lakers 113, San Antonio 104
Golden State 122, Memphis 120

NBA ALL STA RGAME STARTERS

EAST FRONTCOURT	AS	PPG	RPG	AGP
c-Giannis: Mil **Antetokounmpo**	7	31.0	12.0	5.3
Kevin Durant: Brk	13	29.7	6.7	5.3
Jayson Tatum: Bos	4	31.0	8.6	4.4

EAST BACKCOURT	AS	PPG	RPG	AGP
Donovan Mitchell: Cle	4	28.3	4.0	4.8
Kyrie Irving: Brk	8	26.8	5.1	5.2

WEST FRONTCOURT	AS	PPG	RPG	AGP
c-LeBron James: LAL	19	29.9	8.5	7.0
Nikola Jokic: Den	5	25.1	11.0	9.9
Zion Williamson: NO	2	26.0	7.0	4.6

WEST BACKCOURT	AS	PPG	RPG	AGP
Stephen Curry: GSt	9	29.3	6.2	6.2
Luka Doncic: Dal	4	33.8	9.1	8.6

c-elected team captain;
AS-All-Star Game selections

All-Star reserves, voted on by the head coaches in each conference, will be announced on Thursday, Feb. 2. The game will be played on Sunday, Feb. 19 in Salt Lake City.

For the All-Star starters, fan ballots accounted for 50% of the vote, with a media panel and current players each accounting for 25%.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

POINTS/GAME	G	FG	FT	PTS	PPG
Doncic, DAL	44	500	362	1485	33.8
Embiid, PHI	35	388	353	1168	33.4
Tatum, BOS	46	465	346	1428	31.0
Anttknmpo, Mil	37	399	322	1147	31.0
Glgs-Alxndr, OKC	44	454	404	1356	30.8
Lillard, POR	36	331	273	1084	30.1
James, LAL	39	450	186	1168	29.9
Durant, BKN	39	410	267	1158	29.7
Mitchell, CLE	41	399	206	1159	28.3
Morant, MEM	40	388	249	1091	27.3
Young, ATL	44	376	345	1192	27.1
Brown, BOS	43	433	181	1155	26.9
Irving, BKN	36	356	139	966	26.8
DeRozan, CHI	44	415	307	1154	26.2

FG PERCENTAGE	FG	FGA	FG%
Claxton, BKN	252	341	.739
Gobert, MIN	211	313	.674
Plumlee, CHA	227	341	.666
Clarke, MEM	177	266	.665
Capela, ATL	183	279	.656
Allen, CLE	241	381	.633
Okongwu, ATL	181	287	.631

ODDS

NBA FRIDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	7½	(237½)	at Indiana
Memphis	3½	(237)	at Minnesota
at Miami	7	(off)	Orlando
Cleveland	1	(off)	at Okla. City
at Golden State	6	(off)	Toronto

NHL FRIDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at NY Islanders	Off	Detroit	Off
at Carolina	Off	San Jose	Off
at NY Rangers	Off	Vegas	Off
at Florida	Off	Los Angeles	Off
at Toronto	Off	Ottawa	Off
at Dallas	Off	New Jersey	Off
at Seattle	Off	Calgary	Off
at Vancouver	Off	Columbus	Off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL FRIDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Cleveland State	5	Purdue Ft Wayne
at Niagara	6	Manhattan
Saint Louis	½	at Davidson
Iona	5½	at Siena
at Robert Morris	2	Detroit Mercy
at North Dakota St.	8½	North Dakota
at Kent State	11	Buffalo
at Youngstown St.	10½	Oakland
at New Mexico	12½	Air Force

NFL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

FAVORITE	NOW	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	2½	(46½)	San Francisco
at Kansas City	1	(47½)	Cincinnati

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	47	38	5	4	80	181	98
Toronto	49	30	11	8	68	166	129
Tampa Bay	46	30	15	1	61	167	137
Buffalo	47	25	19	3	53	180	160
Florida	50	23	21	6	52	171	176
Detroit	47	21	18	8	50	145	158
Ottawa	47	21	23	3	45	135	153
Montreal	49	20	25	4	44	130	179
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	47	30	9	8	68	154	126
New Jersey	47	31	12	4	66	164	123
N.Y. Rangers	48	26	14	8	60	153	128
Pittsburgh	47	24	15	8	56	155	144
Washington	50	25	19	6	56	158	142
N.Y. Islanders	50	23	22	5	51	144	143
Philadelphia	49	20	21	8	48	136	159
Columbus	48	15	30	3	33	125	186

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	50	28	13	9	65	171	130
Winnipeg	49	31	17	1	63	161	128
Colorado	46	26	17	3	55	144	126
Minnesota	46	25	17	4	54	145	134
Nashville	47	23	18	6	52	131	137
St. Louis	48	23	22	3	49	152	172
Arizona	48	15	28	5	35	125	175
Chicago	46	14	28	4	32	110	168
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	47	28	14	5	61	172	145
Vegas	49	29	17	3	61	158	142
Los Angeles	50	27	17	6	60	163	170
Edmonton	49	27	18	4	58	180	160
Calgary	48	23	16	9	55	154	146
Vancouver	48	19	26	3	41	161	194
San Jose	49	14	25	10	38	147	187
Anaheim	48	14	29	5	33	118	201

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 4, Montreal 3 (OT)
Boston at Tampa Bay, late
Pittsburgh at Washington, late
Buffalo at Winnipeg, late
New Jersey at Nashville, late
Philadelphia at Minnesota, late
Anaheim at Colorado, late
Chicago at Calgary, late
St. Louis at Arizona, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 6p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 6p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Calgary at Seattle, 9p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Colorado, 2p.m.
Boston at Florida, 5p.m.
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 6p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 9p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Carolina, 4p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 4p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 3, N.Y. Rangers 2(OT)
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Carolina 3, Dallas 2(OT)
Columbus 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Seattle 6, Vancouver 1

QUALITY STARTS LEADERS

through Wednesday's games

GOALIE	TM	W	L	OL	QS
Connor Hellebuyck	WPG	23	13	1	27
Linus Ullmark	BOS	25	2	1	25
Jake Oettinger	DAL	21	7	6	24
Juuse Saros	NSH	18	13	5	24
Igor Shesterkin	NYR	21	8	7	23
Ilya Sorokin	NYI	15	16	4	23
Alex Georgiev	COL	19	11	3	21
Vitek Vanecek	NJD	20	5	2	20
Andrei Vasilevskiy	TBL	21	12	1	20
Cam Talbot	OTT	12	13	1	18
Tristan Jarry	PIT	16	5	5	17
Martin Jones	SEA	23	6	3	17
Darcy Kuemper	WSH	14	13	4	17

TENNIS

111TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Thursdayat Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, hardcourt outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#5 Aryna Sabalenka d. Magda Linette,, 7-6(1), 6-2.
#22Elena Rybakina d. #24Victoria Azarenka, 7-6(4), 6-3.

RYBAKINA	Time: 1:47.	AZARENKA
10	Aces	3
3	Double faults	6
58%	% 1st serve in	64%
76%	Win pct. on 1st serve	63%
41%	Win pct. on 2nd serve	22%
189	Fastest serve (km/h)	172
174	1st Serve avg. (km/h)	156
135	2nd serve avg (km/h)	133
30	Winners	26
1	Return winners	1
21	Unforced errors	27
0	Return unforced errors	3
5-11	Break points won	3-8
8-13	Net points won	7-9
33-76	Receiving points won	22-64
78	Total points won	62

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#3Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. #18 Karen Khachanov, late
#4Novak Djokovic vs. Tommy Paul, late

ROAD TO MEN'S SEMIFINALS

#3 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

R1: Quentin Halys, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)
R2: Rinky Hijikata, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2
R3: Tallon Griekspoor, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3
R4: #15 Jannik Sinner, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3
QF: Jiri Lehecka, 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
SF: vs. #18 Karen Khachanov

#4 NOVAK DJOKOVIC

R1: Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0
R2: Enzo Couacaud, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-0
R3: #27 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3, 6-4
R4: #22 Alex De Minaur, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2
QF: #5 Andrey Rublev, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
SF: vs. Tommy Paul

#18 KAREN KHACHANOV

R1: Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2, 6-0
R2: Jason Kubler, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2
R3: #16 Frances Tiafoe, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (11-9)
R4: #31 Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-0, 6-0, 7-6 (4)
QF: #29 Sebastian Korda, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 3-0, retired
SF: vs. #3 Stefanos Tsitsipas

TOMMY PAUL

R1: Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2
R2: #30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4
R3: Jenson Brooksby, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3
R4: #24 Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5
QF: Ben Shelton, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
SF: vs. #4 Novak Djokovic

ROAD TO WOMEN'S FINALS

#5 ARYNA SABALENKA

R1: Tereza Martincova, 6-1, 6-4
R2: Shelby Rogers, 6-3, 6-1
R3: #26 Elise Mertens, 6-2, 6-3
R4: #12 Belinda Bencic, 7-5, 6-2
QF: Donna Vekic, 6-3, 6-2.
SF: Magda Linette, 7-6(1), 6-2.
F: vs. #22 Elena Rybakina

#22 ELENA RYBAKINA

R1: Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 7-5, 6-3
R2: Kaja Juvan, 6-2, 6-1
R3: #13 Danielle Collins, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2
R4: #1 Iga Swiatek, 6-4, 6-4
QF: #17 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-2, 6-4.
SF: #24 Victoria Azarenka, 7-6(4), 6-3.
F: vs. #5 Aryna Sarabenka

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Purdue (20-1) beat Michigan 75-70. Next: vs. Michigan State, Sun.
No. 2 Alabama (17-2) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 3 Houston (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
No. 4 Tennessee (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Texas, Saturday.
No. 5 Kansas State (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
No. 6 Arizona (17-3) at Washington St. Next: at Washington, Saturday.
No. 7 Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
No. 8 UCLA (17-4) beat Southen Cal 77-64. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
No. 9 Kansas (16-4) did not play. Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 10 Texas (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Tennessee, Saturday.
No. 11 TCU (16-4) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
No. 12 Iowa State (15-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
No. 13 Xavier (17-4) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
No. 14 Gonzaga (17-4) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
No. 15 Auburn (16-4) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
No. 16 Marquette (16-5) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.
No. 17 Baylor (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
No. 18 Charleston (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hofstra, Saturday.
No. 19 UConn (16-6) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Tuesday.
No. 20 Miami (16-4) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
No. 21 Florida Atlantic (20-1) beat Middle Tennessee 85-67. Next: vs. W. Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 22 Saint Mary's (Cal) (18-4) did not play. Next: at BYU, Saturday.
No. 23 Providence (16-5) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Sunday.
No. 24 Clemson (17-4) did not play. Next: at Florida St., Saturday.
No. 25 New Mexico (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Air Force, Friday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Albertus Magnus 87, Elms 68
DeSales 79, Kings (Pa.) 59
Dean 75, Anna Maria 60
Emmanuel 102, Rivier 69
Fairfield 63, Mount St. Mary's 60
Fairleigh Dickinson 87, St. Francis (Pa.) 82
Haverford 80, Wash. College (Md.) 73
LIU 74, Sacred Heart 70
Lock Haven 83, East Stroudsburg 73
Louisiana-Monroe 86, Marshall 82, 2OT
Lycoming 69, Wilkes 67, OT
Merrimack 64, CCSU 61
New England Coll. 77, Vermont Tech Green Knights 61
Penn State-Altoona 87, La Roche 77
Regis College 67, Norwich 65
Saint Joseph (Conn.) 73, Lasell 66
St. Francis (NY) 65, Wagner 56
Swarthmore 88, Muhlenberg 65
Towson 72, Northeastern 63
Ursinus 77, Franklin & Marshall 73
Westfield St. 81, Fitchburg St. 63
Worcester St. 78, Framingham St. 66

SOUTH

Ala.-Huntsville 88, Shorter 54
Appalachian St. 71, Georgia St. 59
FIU 78, W. Kentucky 69
Hampton 67, Delaware 66
Hofstra 82, Elon 65
James Madison 75, Coastal Carolina 69
Kennesaw St. 84, Austin Peay 57
Liberty 74, Stetson 45
Louisiana-Lafayette 72, Troy 57
Memphis 99, SMU 84
Morehead St. 76, UALR 72
N. Kentucky 68, Green Bay 50
NC A&T 68, Drexel 55
North Alabama 80, Jacksonville 62
NW St. 82, Houston Christian 63
Old Dominion 66, South Alabama 64
Queens (NC) 84, Florida Gulf Coast 82
Radford 63, Longwood 59
SE Louisiana 92, New Orleans 87
Southern Miss. 73, Arkansas St. 57
Tennessee Tech 80, SIU-Edwardsville 68
UNC-Wilmington 52, Monmouth (NJ) 49

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (20-0) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (19-2) lost to No. 6 Indiana 78-65. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
No. 3 Stanford (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon St., Friday.
No. 4 LSU (20-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Monday.
No. 5 UConn (19-2) beat Tennessee 84-67. Next: vs. No. 21 Villanova, Sunday.
No. 6 Indiana (19-1) beat No. 2 Ohio State 78-65 Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (17-2) beat No. 24 Florida St. 70-47. Next: at No. 20 NC State, Sunday
No. 8 UCLA (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Colorado, Friday.
No. 9 Utah (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
No. 10 Iowa (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
No. 10 Maryland (17-4) beat No. 13 Michigan 72-64. Next: vs. Penn State, Monday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (16-4) lost to No. 16 Duke 66-55. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.
No. 13 Michigan (16-5) lost to No. 10 Maryland 72-64. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
No. 14 Oklahoma (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Iowa State, Saturday.
No. 15 North Carolina (15-5) beat Pittsburgh 72-57. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
No. 16 Duke (18-2) beat No. 12 Virginia Tech 66-55. Next: at No. 24 Florida St., Sunday.
No. 17 Gonzaga (20-2) beat Loyola Marymount 66-55. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Saturday.
No. 18 Iowa State (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 19 Arizona (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
No. 20 NC State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Notre Dame, Sunday.
No. 21 Villanova (18-3) did not play. Next: at No. 5 UConn, Sunday.
No. 22 Illinois (16-5) lost to Purdue 62-52. Next: vs. Michigan St., Sunday.
No. 23 Middle Tennessee (17-2) beat Florida Atlantic 63-48. Next: vs. FIU, Saturday.
No. 24 Florida State (18-5) lost to No. 7 Notre Dame 70-47. Next: vs. No. 16 Duke, Sunday.
No. 25 Colorado (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 UCLA, Friday.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	19	16	2	1	45	16	50
Man City	20	14	3	3	53	20	45
Newcastle	20	10	9	1	33	11	39
Man United	20	12	3	5	32	25	39
Tottenham	21	11	3	7	40	31	36
Brighton	19	9	4	6	37	27	31
Fulham	21	9	4	8	32	30	31
Brentford	20	7	9	4	32	28	30
Liverpool	19	8	5	6	34	25	29
Chelsea	20	8	5	7	22	21	29
Aston Villa	20	8	4	8	23	27	28
Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	18	27	24
Notting. Forest	20	5	6	9	16	35	21
Leicester	20	5	3	12	28	35	18
Leeds	19	4	6	9	26	33	18
West Ham	20	5	3	12	17	25	18
Wolverhampton	20	4	5	11	12	30	17
Bournemouth	20	4	5	11	19	42	17
Everton	20	3	6	11	15	28	15
Southampton	20	4	3	13	17	35	15

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Chelsea vs. Fulham, 2p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (0-1-0)

Wednesday: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Sunday: vs. Colombia, 5:30 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.
n-March 24: at Grenada, 6:30 p.m.
n-March 27: vs. El Salvador, TBA
n-Nations League

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

s-Feb. 16: vs. Canda at Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla., 6 p.m.
s-Feb. 19: vs. Japan at GEODIS Park, Nashville, Tnn., 2:30 p.m.
s-Feb. 22: vs. Brazil at Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas, 6 p.m.
w-July 21: vs. TBD, 8 p.m.
w-July 26: vs. Netherlands, 8 p.m.
w-Aug.1: vs. TBD, 2 a.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup;
w-FIFA World Cup Australia

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY'S GAMES

NFC: San Francisco (15-4) at Philadelphia (15-3), 2:05p.m. (FOX)
AFC: Cincinnati (14-4) at Kansas City (15-3), 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

SUPER BOWL LVII

Sunday, Feb. 12,
State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
Conference champions, 5:30p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP	SF	PHI
Points Per Game	26.5	28.1
Points Allowed/Game	16.3	20.2
Total Yards	335.6	389.1
Total touchdowns	53	59
Yards Passing	226.8	241.5
Pass touchdowns	30	25
Passer rating	102.2	99.0
Yards Rushing	138.8	147.6
Rushing touchdowns	20	32
Yards Allowed	306.6	301.5
Pass Yards Allowed	222.9	179.8
Rush Yards Allowed	77.7	121.6
Penalties-yards	94-730	90-682
Turnover margin	+13	+8
PLAYOFFS		
Points Per Game	30.0	38.0
Points Allowed/Game	17.5	7.0
Total Yards	408.5	416.0
Yards Passing	261.5	148.0
Yards Rushing	147.0	268.0
Yards Allowed	307.0	227.0
Pass Yards Allowed	217.0	109.0
Rush Yards Allowed	90.0	118.0

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP	CIN	KC
Points Per Game	26.1	29.2
Points Allowed/Game	20.1	21.7
Total Yards	360.5	413.0
Total touchdowns	50	61
Yards Passing	265.0	297.8
Passing touchdowns	35	41
Passer rating	101.0	104.7
Yards Rushing	95.5	115.9
Rushing touchdowns	14	18
Yards Allowed	335.7	328.2
Pass Yards Allowed	229.1	220.9
Rush Yards Allowed	106.6	107.2
Penalties-yards	81-623	87-838
Turnover margin	+6	-3
PLAYOFFS		
Points Per Game	25.5	27.0
Points Allowed/Game	17.5	7.0
Total Yards	323.0	362.0
Yards Passing	211.5	218.0
Yards Rushing	111.5	144.0
Yards Allowed	344.5	349.0
Pass Yards Allowed	235.0	205.0
Rush Yards Allowed	109.5	144.0

PLAYOFFS TOP PERFORMERS

PASSING

352: Josh Allen, BUF vs. MIA 1/15 (23-39, 3 TD, 2 INT, 93.1 RAT)
351: Tom Brady, TB vs. DAL 1/16 (35-66, 2 TD, 1 INT, 72.2 RAT)
332: Brock Purdy, SF vs. SEA 1/14 (18-30, 3 TD, 0 INT, 131.5 RAT)
305: Dak Prescott, DAL at TB 1/16 (25-33, 4 TD, 0 INT, 143.3 RAT)
301: Daniel Jones, NYG at MIN 1/15 (24-35, 2 TD, 0 INT, 114.1 RAT)

RUSHING

119: Christian McCaffrey, SF vs. SEA 1/14 (15 att., 0 TD, 4 1st downs)
112: Kenneth Gainwell, PHI vs. NYG 1/21 (12 att., 1 TD, 7 1st downs)
109: Travis Etienne Jr., JAC vs. LAC 1/14 (20 att., 0 TD, 5 1st downs)
105: Joe Mixon, CIN at BUF 1/22 (20 att., 1 TD, 8 1st downs)
95: Isiah Pacheco, KC vs. JAC 1/21 (12 att., 0 TD, 3 1st downs)
90: Miles Sanders, PHI vs. NYG 1/21 (17 att., 0 TD, 4 1st downs)

RECEIVING

136: DK Metcalf, SEA at SF 1/14 (10 rec., 13 targets, 2 TD)
133: Deebo Samuel, SF vs. SEA 1/14 (6 rec., 9 targets, 1 TD)
129: T.J. Hockenson, MIN vs. NYG 1/15 (10 rec., 11 targets, 0 TD)
117: CeeDee Lamb, DAL at SF 1/22 (10 rec., 13 targets, 0 TD)
114: Stefon Diggs, BUF vs. MIA 1/15 (7 rec., 9 targets, 0 TD)

GOLF

DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC

Suspended 1st of 4 rounds, at Emirates GC, Dubai, UAE, 7,428 yards, par 72

LEADERBOARD	Par	H
1. Thomas Pieters	-5	15
2. Matthew Jordan	-4	F
3. Daniel Gavins	-4	F
4. Oliver Wilson	-4	F
5. Patrick Reed	-4	16
6. Tommy Fleetwood	-4	15
7. Victor Perez	-4	15

FIRST ROUND FINISHERS		
Matthew Jordan	34-34—68	-4
Daniel Gavins	32-36—68	-4
Oliver Wilson	34-34—68	-4
Thomas Bjorn	34-36—70	-2
Oliver Hundeboll	35-35—70	-2
Nicolai Von Dellingshausen	35-36—71	-1
Matthew Southgate	36-35—71	-1
Jazz Janewattananond	35-37—72	E
Lukas Nemecz	34-39—73	+1
Tom Mckibbin	38-36—74	+2
Wil Besseling	37-37—74	+2
Jeremy Freiburghaus	38-39—77	+5

PGA FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

2nd of 4 rounds, La Jolla, Calif., a-Torrey Pines - South (Host Course), 7,765 yards; Par 72; b-Torrey Pines - North 7,258 yards; Par 72

Sam Ryder	64b-68a—132	-12
Brendan Steele	65b-70a—135	-9
Tano Goya	70a-67b—137	-7
Brent Grant	64b-74a—138	-6
Max Homa	68b-70a—138	-6
Taylor Montgomery	67a-71b—138	-6
Vincent Norrman	67a-71b—138	-6
Sam Stevens	66a-72b—138	-6
Sahith Theegala	66b-72a—138	-6
Jason Day	68b-71a—139	-5
Ben Griffin	67a-72b—139	-5
Collin Morikawa	67b-72a—139	-5
Andrew Novak	66a-73b—139	-5
Byeong Hun An	68b-72a—140	-4
Joseph Bramlett	69a-71b—140	-4
Taylor Moore	72a-68b—140	-4
Jon Rahm	73a-67b—140	-4
Callum Tarren	71a-69b—140	-4
Jimmy Walker	69a-71b—140	-4
Dean Burmester	71a-70b—141	-3
Stephan Jaeger	69a-72b—141	-3
Seonghyeon Kim	67b-74a—141	-3
Augusto Nunez	72a-69b—141	-3
Cameron Champ	70a-72b—142	-2
Wyndham Clark	68b-74a—142	-2
Lanto Griffin	67b-75a—142	-2
Emiliano Grillo	72a-70b—142	-2
Garrick Higgo	66b-76a—142	-2
Sungjae Im	68a-74b—142	-2
Si Woo Kim	69a-73b—142	-2
Luke List	67b-75a—142	-2
Ryan Palmer	71b-71a—142	-2
Aaron Rai	64b-78a—142	-2
Justin Thomas	68a-74b—142	-2
Davis Thompson	71a-71b—142	-2
Keegan Bradley	70a-73b—143	-1
Thomas Detry	68b-75a—143	-1
Paul Haley	68b-75a—143	-1
Harry Higgs	66b-77a—143	-1
Michael Kim	69b-74a—143	-1
Satoshi Kodaira	68b-75a—143	-1
Peter Malnati	69b-74a—143	-1
Hideki Matsuyama	70b-73a—143	-1
Maverick McNealy	69b-74a—143	-1
Seung-Yul Noh	70b-73a—143	-1
Justin Rose	73a-70b—143	-1
Xander Schauffele	72b-71a—143	-1
Kevin Streelman	73a-70b—143	-1
Justin Suh	68b-75a—143	-1
Jhonattan Vegas	68b-75a—143	-1
Trevor Werbylo	71a-72b—143	-1
Gary Woodland	66b-77a—143	-1
Kevin Yu	73a-70b—143	-1
Erik Barnes	72b-72a—144	E
Scott Brown	69b-75a—144	E
Austin Cook	74b-70a—144	E
Zecheng Dou	70a-74b—144	E
Tony Finau	73a-71b—144	E
Rickie Fowler	72a-72b—144	E
Dylan Frittelli	70a-74b—144	E
Adam Hadwin	70a-74b—144	E
Nick Hardy	71a-73b—144	E
Scott Harrington	74a-70b—144	E
Adam Long	71b-73a—144	E
Trey Mullinax	71a-73b—144	E
Taylor Pendrith	69b-75a—144	E
Scott Piercy	69a-75b—144	E
Adam Schenk	71a-73b—144	E
Taiga Semikawa	74a-70b—144	E
Robby Shelton	70a-74b—144	E
Alex Smalley	71a-73b—144	E
Michael Thompson	69a-75b—144	E
Kevin Tway	72a-72b—144	E

Reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, above, will face Aryna Sabalenka in the Australian Open women's final Saturday in Melbourne. **WILLIAM WEST/GETTY-AFP**

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Women's final matchup set

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — What all seemed so different, so daunting, even, about trying to win a Grand Slam title to Elena Rybakina a little more than six months ago is now coming rather naturally.

And if she can win one more match, she will add a championship at the Australian Open to the one she collected at Wimbledon.

Rybakina, a 23-year-old who represents Kazakhstan, reached her second final in a span of three major tournaments by beating Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (4), 6-3 at Melbourne Park on Thursday, signaling a rapid rise toward the top of tennis.

"Everything was new at Wimbledon," Rybakina said after hitting nine aces in the semifinals to raise her tournament-leading total to 44. "Now I more or less understand what to expect."

That could come in handy Saturday, when she will face No. 5 seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus. Sabalenka reached her first Grand Slam title match at age 24 by beating unseeded Magda Linette 7-6 (1), 6-2 in Thursday's second semifinal.

Sabalenka improved to 10-0 in 2023, winning all 20 sets she has contested this season.

More importantly, the victory over Linette gave Sabalenka her first taste of success in a Slam semi after going 0-3 at that stage until now, losing each previous attempt by a 6-4 score in the third set.

Rybakina and Sabalenka employ a somewhat similar brand of tennis, relying on big serves and big hitting at the baseline.

Sabalenka is far less cautious, though, and her penchant for high-risk, high-reward play was evident against Linette, who had never before been past the third round in 29 appearances at majors.

Sabalenka finished with a whopping 33-9 edge in winners, but also compiled more unforced errors — including a trio that led to a break at love by Linette in the opening game.

The key to both semifinals turned out to be a first-set tiebreaker. Azarenka lost the mark on her strokes, for the most part, making things smoother for Rybakina, while Sabalenka raced to a 6-0 lead in hers. It wasn't the case that each and every shot Sabalenka hit landed right on a line, but it must have seemed that way to Linette.

"In the tiebreaker, I really found my rhythm," Sabalenka said.

"Started trusting myself. Started going for my shots."

Rybakina's win over Azarenka, the champion at Melbourne Park in 2012 and 2013, added to what already was an impressive run through a string of top opponents.

She also beat No. 1 Iga Swiatek and No. 17 Jelena Ostapenko — both owners of major titles — and 2022 Australian Open runner-up Danielle Collins.

"For sure, they're very experienced players," said Rybakina, whose parents and sister have been in town throughout the Australian Open. "I knew that I have to focus on every point.

Rybakina was born in Moscow; she switched to Kazakhstan in 2018, when that country offered to fund her tennis career.

IN BRIEF

LeBron, Giannis will captain All-Star teams

News services

LeBron James was announced Thursday as an NBA All-Star for the 19th time, tying fellow Lakers great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the most selections in league history. James — the leading overall vote-getter — will be the captain of one of the teams for the Feb. 19 All-Star Game in Salt Lake City, while Eastern Conference voting leader Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Bucks will captain the other side.

James and Antetokounmpo will pick their teams shortly before tipoff of the game in Salt Lake City.

The other eight starters: the Nuggets' Nikola Jokic, Mavericks' Luka Doncic, Warriors' Stephen Curry, Celtics' Jayson Tatum, Nets teammates Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving, the Cavaliers' Donovan Mitchell and Pelicans' Zion Williamson.

Starters — three frontcourt players and two guards from each conference — were selected by a combination of three different votes: fan balloting counted for 50%, media balloting was worth 25% and voting by the players made up the final 25%.

The reserves, which are chosen by votes from the league's coaches, will be announced Feb. 2.

■ Doncic left the Mavs' game against the Suns in the first quarter with a sprained left ankle and didn't return. The Mavs said his X-ray was negative. ... Damian Lillard had a 60 points, hitting nine 3s, and the Trail Blazers beat the visiting Jazz 134-124 on Wednesday. Lillard tied for the second-most points in the NBA this season.

Golf: Sam Ryder shot a second-round 4-under 68 on Thursday to take a three-stroke lead at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego.

NFL: The Jets hired former Broncos coach Nathaniel Hackett as their offensive coordinator. Hackett, 43, was fired by the Broncos on Dec. 26 in his first season. ... LB Jessie Lemonier, who appeared in seven games for the Lions in 2021 in a brief NFL career, died. He was 25. No cause of death was given.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Astros hire Brown as club's new GM

Dana Brown was hired Thursday as the general manager of the Astros. The 55-year-old replaces James Click, who wasn't given a new contract and parted ways with the Astros just days after they won the World Series. Brown spent the last four seasons as the vice president of scouting for the Braves. After interviewing a group that included former Marlins GM Michael Hill, former Giants GM Bobby Evans and Guardians assistant GM James Harris, the Astros chose Brown, who's now the only Black GM in the game. "We are excited to have Dana join our organization," Astros owner Jim Crane said. "He brings championship caliber experience to our team and is the right fit for us to continue to deliver a winning franchise on and off the field." Brown worked for the Blue Jays from 2010-18 as a special assistant to the general manager. From 2001-09 he worked as director of scouting for the Nationals/Expos. He began his career with the Pirates. Click had served as the Astros' general manager since joining the team before the 2020 season from the Rays.

Reich returns to Panthers as coach

Frank Reich is returning to the Panthers as their coach, more than 27 years after starting the franchise's first game at quarterback in 1995. The Panthers announced Thursday they've agreed to terms with Reich to become the sixth head coach in franchise history. Reich was chosen among nine candidates who interviewed for the job, including former Saints head coach Sean Payton and this season's interim head coach, Steve Wilks. Reich received a four-year deal from the Panthers. The 61-year-old Reich joins the Panthers after spending the last four-plus seasons with the Colts, where he went 40-33-1 as head coach before being fired on Nov. 7 after a 3-5-1 start. The Colts went to the playoffs twice as a wild-card team under Reich. Before joining the Colts, Reich worked two years as the offensive coordinator for the Eagles, helping them win the Super Bowl. Wilks went 6-6 last season. He took over for Matt Rhule, who was fired in his third season. Wilks, who's Black, was already part of a lawsuit that included Brian Flores alleging racist hiring practices by the NFL.

Baffert's 1-year New York ban ends

Bob Baffert can once again enter horses at New York's major tracks. The Hall of Fame trainer's one-year ban by the New York Racing Association ended Wednesday, allowing him to enter horses as soon as Thursday. "I was disappointed they even did it, but it's water under the bridge," Baffert told The AP. He was suspended last June for repeated medication violations, although none of them occurred in New York. He was barred from Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga. A panel credited Baffert for time served for an initial suspension, which allowed him to return this week. Baffert remains under a two-year ban by Churchill Downs Inc., which sidelined him after Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit tested positive for a substance that isn't allowed on race day. The penalty expires shortly after the Kentucky Derby in May. However, Baffert is fighting the suspension in federal court. The Southern California-based trainer has a big weekend coming up around the country, although not in New York. He has horses running at tracks in Florida, Arkansas and California on Saturday. *—AP*

49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan built on the offense his father Mike ran during two Super Bowl runs with the Broncos in the 1990s. **AP FILE**

NFL PLAYOFFS

They're calling the shots

3 of 4 head coaches will direct offenses' plays in title games

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Chris Foerster had spent nearly two decades as an assistant in the NFL when he first crossed paths with Kyle Shanahan long before he became one of the NFL's most-accomplished play-callers.

Shanahan was in his third year as an offensive coordinator in the NFL when Foerster joined head coach Mike Shanahan's staff in Washington as offensive line coach in 2010 and immediately was impressed by the knowledge, creativity and teaching ability of the precocious Shanahan.

That only grew during their four years together in Washington and the last four in San Francisco where Foerster has been an assistant on Shanahan's staff.

"I've been amazed since I've worked with him and I don't stop doing that," Foerster said. "It's just how he does it and it's just his grasp on what he's doing."

Shanahan's success with the 49ers overseeing productive offenses without elite quarterback play is a reason why so many teams each January are seeking the next trendy, play-calling offensive coach to take over their teams.

All four head coaches in the conference championship games come from an offensive background with the Chiefs' Andy Reid and Bengals' Zac Taylor also calling plays like Shanahan, while the Eagles' Nick Sirianni delegated that duty during his first season.

"Plays are just plays," Shanahan said. "It's how you tie them together, how you hide them, how you do things off of them and it's how you coach them."

Few do it better than Shanahan and Reid, whose influence on modern offenses runs deep with nearly half the teams in the NFL running offenses inspired by those two coaching philosophies.

Shanahan's offense is based on the running game, with his commitment to sticking with the ground game leading to opportunities with play-action passes downfield.

"He's not just copying plays from other people," 49ers defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans said. "He has that very creative mind and he's always putting his players in position to make plays. That's what sets him apart from all the other coordinators in the league."

The 49ers use frequent motion and different formations to disguise their intentions and Shanahan has created a nearly position-less offense that allows him to move playmakers such as Christian McCaffrey, Deebo Samuel, George Kittle and fullback Kyle Juszczyk all over the field to create mismatches.

"He pays attention to detail on every little thing," 49ers rookie quarterback Brock Purdy said. "He's the one that's installing the plays every single day, which is pretty cool to have your head ball coach be the one that teaches you what you're running."

Shanahan built on the offense his father ran during two Super Bowl runs with the Broncos in the 1990s and has evolved it to the modern game.

He has built an encyclopedic knowledge of his system that allows him to pull plays from his past and tailor them to his current team.

Foerster also said Shanahan has the uncanny ability during a game to see how a defense is playing the 49ers and will pull out a play they didn't even practice that week.

That has led to several big plays already this season.

"He's just looking, where's that dagger," Foerster said. "Where's that play that I think will really get them on this one?"

Reid's approach is a little different, relying much more on the passing game over his career with an offense that has hit a peak ever since Patrick Mahomes took over as Chiefs quarterbacl.

Reid also likes to pull out some gadget plays — whether it was a play from the 1949 Rose Bowl he used against the 49ers in the Super Bowl three years ago or the " ring-around-the-rosie" Snow Globe play against the Raiders in Week 18.

"You do (want to make it fun), but you want to score, too," Reid said. "It's not fun when you're not doing that."

The Chiefs have done plenty of that since Mahomes took over in 2018, averaging a league-best 30.1 points per game in that span — 3.6 more points per game than the second-ranked Buccaneers in a gap that's bigger than the one between the Bucs and the 16th-place team.

"When you got Coach Reid, he can get anyone (open)," tight end Travis Kelce said. "He can get my dad open, if he was out there. So, I've been unbelievably fortunate to be under his guidance, programmed the way he is, because I do genuinely believe he does it the right way."

Not all the head coaches still alive in the playoffs call the plays, with Sirianni having made the decision during his first year with the Eagles in 2021 to delegate those duties to coordinator Shane Steichen.

Sirianni said that has allowed him to better manage the game and deal with defensive coordinator Jonathan Gannon and special teams coordinator Michael Clay instead of always looking at his play sheet for the next play to call.

"That's my job as the head coach is to manage the game. Everybody does it a little bit differently, I get it, and what works best for us is that I do it this way," he said. "We like our processes of how we're going. We're always trying to tweak it and make it better, but I've got great coaches that I'm able to lean on there, and Shane is doing a great job of calling it."

AP writers Dan Gelston and Dave Skretta contributed.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

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49ers at Eagles, 2 p.m., Fox
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SOCCER

Director, GM exits add to US turmoil

By Kevin Baxter
Los Angeles Times

A day after opening arguably the biggest World Cup cycle in its history, the U.S. Soccer Federation finds itself without a sporting director and without a general manager or coach for its men's national team.

The federation announced Thursday that sporting director Earnie Stewart will return to the Netherlands as director of soccer for PSV Eindhoven while Brian McBride, general manager for the men's national team program, has resigned after three seasons.

The men's team has been without a permanent head coach since Gregg Berhalter's contract expired at the end of 2022 and federation President Cindy Parlow Cone said on a conference call Thursday that the position could remain open into the summer, leaving interim coach Anthony Hudson in charge for Nations League games in March and June and the CONCACAF Gold Cup, which ends in July.

She said she was hopeful the federation would have a new sporting director in place before the Women's World Cup, which kicks off in July.

But she pushed back at the idea that U.S. Soccer was in disarray less than 3 ½ years before the World Cup will return to North America.

"This is the opportunity for us to take a more holistic view and determine how we can be most effective and efficient moving forward," Cone said. "While he certainly didn't plan it this way, this presents us with a great opportunity."

Cone said U.S. Soccer has retained Sportsology Group, a New York-based advisory company that works with sports franchises and leagues to fill senior leadership roles and redefine their operational strategies.

JT Batson, the chief executive and secretary general of U.S. Soccer, insisted the departures of McBride and Stewart were not connected to the controversy surrounding Berhalter's future.

Following last year's World Cup in Qatar, the mother of player Gio Reyna, upset about some comments Berhalter made about her son, phoned Stewart to tell him about a 31-year-old physical altercation between Berhalter and the woman who later became his wife. In response, U.S. Soccer hired an Atlanta law firm to investigate the 1991 incident.

Stewart, McBride and Berhalter were all teammates on two U.S. World Cup squads captained by Gio's father, Claudio.

Instead, Batson said, the moves had more to do with opportunity and timing. Stewart's family remained in the Netherlands when he took the sporting director's job with U.S. Soccer four years ago and the chance to reunite with them was too good to pass up, so the federation let him out of a contract extension that ran through 2026. He will remain with U.S. Soccer through Feb. 15.

McBride, meanwhile, told U.S. Soccer of his desire to leave last fall, before the Qatar World Cup. Cone said she's uncertain whether McBride will be replaced.

Although the federation will continue to review candidates for the open coaching job, the hire will be made by Stewart's replacement. Berhalter, who has the best winning percentage for a men's coach in U.S. Soccer history, remains in the running for that job.

The ground under him may have shifted, however. Stewart was a vocal supporter of Berhalter's work.

Also Thursday, Claudio Reyna stepped down from his leadership role as sporting director of Austin FC.

The 49-year-old Reyna was shifted to a title of technical adviser. He had led the MLS team since 2019 and through its first two seasons on the field in 2021 and 2022.

Club officials declined to comment on whether Reyna's job change was related to the family dispute.

The Associated Press contributed.

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Heidi Stober and company in "Hansel and Gretel" at Lyric Opera of Chicago. **CORY WEAVER PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'HANSEL AND GRETEL' ★★★½

Evocative opera leads us into the woods

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Engelbert Humperdinck's music for "Hansel and Gretel" is such an eclectic and cinematic composition that to hear it is to take an evocative ride through your own past. I variously found myself back in my school choir, walking alone through a fairground and recalling the time when my loving father once left me alone in a museum for a few minutes too long. Few other works have so combined folkic whimsy and emotional trauma, but then Hansel and Gretel are, I suppose, the poster siblings for such things.

Like J.K. Rowling, the Brothers Grimm well knew that children would respond better to works that didn't keep lying about their safety.

The idea of an opera about the abandoned kids, the gingerbread house, the Sandman and a cannibalistic witch was suggested to Humperdinck by his sister Adelheid Wette, who wrote the subsequent libretto. The piece requires two adults to play children all night long, not a typical recipe for success. But one of the pleasures of the production that opened Wednesday night at the Lyric Opera of Chicago is how well the soprano Heidi Stober, who plays Gretel opposite Samantha Hankey's earthier Hansel, encapsulates a lively and inquisitive young girl, both vocally and physically. Both Stober's voice and body explore the role without condescension, and neither do they layer Gretel with some kind of faux adult sophistication. It's a fine line, and Stober, who is experienced in this role and jumps and struts all the way to the curtain call, has it down perfectly.

Heidi Stober, Jill Grove and Samantha Hankey in "Hansel and Gretel" at Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Gretel is the emotional heart of the story; Alfred Walker's similarly excellent performance as Father is a deft match for parents with a level of cluelessness exploited so often in the 20th century by the writer Roald Dahl; Walker's rich baritone always feels capable of spontaneous discovery, for sure, but you never question his broommaker's limitations, nor those of Alexandra LoBianco's panicked Mother. As for the witch: Well, Jill Grove's exit into the oven felt like a welcome development, and I intend that as a compliment.

The feel of this Richard Jones-directed production, first seen here some 22 years ago, is very *Grand Guignol*; the design from John Macfarlane, which squeezes the lonely, hungry kids into a triangular dystopia shorn of any Germanic joviality, recalls Martin McDonagh's "The Pillowman."

As such, the creepy production (restaged here by Eric Einhorn) is very much of its era. In 2001, many artists were compelled by the imperative that seemingly

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REVIEW 'INFINITY POOL' ★★★½

Vacation-set horror thriller goes right to the deep edge

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

For anyone who wanted "The White Lotus" to dig a little deeper into its characters' hypocrisy, privileged American tourism fantasies and class warfare waged in poshly exotic locales, Brandon Cronenberg's third feature, "Infinity Pool," is the answer to your prayers.

Be warned: This is no middle-of-the-road picnic. Like his father, David Cronenberg ("Scanners," "Crimes of the Future" and so much in between), the younger Cronenberg as writer-director bores in on all sorts of grisliness and body horror, though never settling for kicks, or ultraviolence for the sake of cheap, sadistic fun. The cool, sleek filmmaking and the sinister escalations of nerve exhibited by Cronenberg in "Infinity Pool" may go right to the edge in terms of sexual content and bloody deeds, or get momentarily lost in the narrative here and there. But this is a confident, considered piece of mind-bending filmmaking, with something like a moral compass.

Mia Goth, left, and Alexander Skarsgård in "Infinity Pool." **NEON**

Failed one-time novelist James (Alexander Skarsgård) and his wife Em (Cleopatra Coleman), a wealthy publisher's daughter, are vacationing in the fictional Croatia-adjacent country of La Tolqa (Cronenberg made the movie in Croatia and Hungary.). One day at breakfast, James meets one of his very few literary fans, aspiring actress Gabi (Mia Goth). She and her architect partner Alban (Jalil Lespert) are also staying at the securely locked-down resort, where "guests are not allowed beyond the border of the compound," as a guard says at one point, beneath the barbed wire front gate.

The flirtatious couple invites James and Em for a coastal excursion in a borrowed Cadillac convertible. Why say no? From there, all the reasons they should have declined the invitation proceed to take "Infinity Pool" in its preposterously absorbing direction.

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CELEBRITIES

Academy names Grammy performers

From news services

Rapper Bad Bunny is among the artists who will perform Feb. 5 at the Grammy Awards. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP 2022**

Bad Bunny, Lizzo and Mary J. Blige are ready to rock the Grammy Awards.

They're among the artists who will perform at the ceremony celebrating the best in music, the Recording Academy announced Wednesday.

Pop stars Sam Smith and Kim Petras, country singer Luke Combs, R&B artist Steve Lacy and folk rocker Brandi Carlile were also announced as performers.

All those artists are nominated for at least one Grammy, with reggaeton rapper Bad Bunny, pop star Lizzo and R&B veteran Blige each up for album of the year. Beyonce leads all artists with nine nominations.

Comedian Trevor Noah will host the Grammys, airing Feb. 5 on CBS.

Renner was trying to save nephew from snowplow: Jeremy Renner had been trying to save his nephew from getting struck by his snowplow when he was crushed by the vehicle on New Year's Day. A new report from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office obtained through a public records request shed new light on the incident that sent the actor to the hospital for several weeks.

Renner was using his PistenBully to pull his truck out of the snow. The truck was driven by his adult nephew, according to the sheriff's report.

After freeing the truck, the snowplow began to slide sideways and roll down the hill, Renner told investigators. He then jumped out without setting the emergency parking brake, but later noticed it was heading toward his nephew.

"He feared the PistenBully was going to hit (his nephew), so he decided to attempt to stop or divert the PistenBully," the report stated.

Renner climbed onto the moving track on the sides of the vehicle. He was then "immediately pulled under the left side track" and crushed as it continued rolling down the hill.

Investigators concluded that had Renner set the parking brake, the snowplow would not have rolled forward. Investigators also noted the brake indicator light inside the snowplow was not working.

Hulu drops 'Rick and Morty' creator: Hulu on Wednesday became the second television company to cut ties with "Rick and Morty" creator Justin Roiland after felony domestic abuse charges against him were revealed.

"We have ended our association with Justin Roiland," 20th TV Animation and Hulu Originals said in a statement.

Roiland co-created and provides voices for Hulu's "Solar Opposites," and is also a producer and actor on its "Koala Man." Both shows will continue without him.

On Tuesday, Cartoon Network's Adult Swim division, home to the animated sci-fi sitcom "Rick and Morty," made the same move, saying in a statement that it has ended its association with Roiland.

Roiland, 42, was charged in California in January 2020 with two counts of felony domestic violence against a former girlfriend. He has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial. The charges went unreported until NBC News ran a story on them earlier this month.

Jan. 27 birthdays: Actor James Cromwell is 83. Singer Nedra Talley is 77. Dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov is 75. Actor Mimi Rogers is 67. Guitarist Janick Gers is 66. TV host Keith Olbermann is 64. Actor Bridget Fonda is 59. Actor Alan Cumming is 58. Actor Tamlyn Tomita is 57. Comedian Patton Oswalt is 54.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Son declines family gathering invite with lie

Dear Amy: My adult son made an excuse to not attend an extended family holiday gathering, but I have reason to believe he may have lied to me.

He and his wife have not attended this annual party for years because some years they lived out of state, which I understand. They are currently living within driving distance.

Everyone in the family gets along fine, and our time together is very enjoyable. As far as I know, no one has offended him in any way. They all love him and his wife.

The party is planned about a month in advance, and is held on a weekend a few weeks before Christmas. I asked my son if they were attending this year, and he vaguely said he had an athletic team "thing."

After the date, I checked the team calendar, and the team was in another state that weekend. He later told me that he went to a neighboring city the day of the family party.

It hurts me that he does not seem to want to see the group, as well as the possibility that he lied to me. Is this a generational issue, with individuals doing what they want, no matter how much close family would love to see them once a year?

I don't want to create a rift, but I would like to know why they didn't want to attend. No one is perfect, and I make mistakes, too.

I just wish he would be honest and upfront. Is it worth asking him about it directly?

— Kentucky Mom

Dear Mom: Your son made an excuse to avoid going to this family party. You later felt compelled to investigate his excuse, which seems to have transformed his excuse into a lie. You should do some honest searching to understand why he doesn't feel able to tell you the truth. Perhaps he is trying to spare your feelings. Is his cowardice inspired by the way you typically react when told an unpleasant truth?

Yes — people do what they want to do. And they should! You want to attend this family party every year, and he doesn't.

Be honest with him, even if he won't be honest with you. You might convey to him that you don't intend to apply pressure, but that these family members would all love to see him and his wife.

You could ask, "Is there a reason you don't want to get together with the extended family?" It's unlikely that he will choose to be completely candid with you. Regardless of what he says, tell him, "Everybody loves and misses you." And then do your best to move on.

Dear Amy: I'm disappointed that my sons, both in their 40s, do not seem to remember my birthday unless they are told to.

I acknowledge their birthdays. as well as the birthdays of their spouses and children.

I don't expect gifts from them — just an acknowledgment, without being prodded by someone in the family.

My husband says not to take it personally, but I do. Am I too sensitive?

— Disappointed in California

Dear Disappointed: A person's birthday is the very definition of "personal," and that's why people tend to feel happy when they're remembered and celebrated, and sad when they're forgotten, especially when they're forgotten by their own offspring.

I actually agree with your husband that the best way not to feel bad about something you know is going to happen is to anticipate it and to make a choice not to take it personally.

This is a skill I'd like to patent, because very few people possess it. It is especially tough for people who have made a huge investment into influencing the outcome. Mothers, for instance.

I suggest that you contact your sons with identical messages, saying "Gentlemen, my birthday is April 12th. Please put it on your calendars and remember that reaching out to me on that day (via call or text) will make me happy." After that, make your own choice.

Dear Amy: "No Stones" posed a question about her husband, who'd compared the pain of his kidney stones to childbirth.

Yes — that pain is terrible! But I also think he goes on about it because he just wants some validation!

Thank you for offering it to him.

— A Reader

Dear Reader: I hope his wife does.

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Chicago's next pre-Broadway tryout: A Louis Armstrong musical

Trumpeter Louis Armstrong in 1961. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Satchmo is coming to town as the leaves fall in October.

Chicago is slated to get a pre-Broadway tryout of a new musical about the iconic American trumpeter and gravel-voiced singer Louis Armstrong, its producers — Thomas E. Rodgers Jr., Renee Rodgers and Andrew Delaplaine in association with Martian Entertainment — announced Tuesday. The show is to star James Monroe Iglehart, the actor best known for his Tony Award-winning performance as the Genie in the original Broadway production of the Disney musical "Aladdin."

Titled "A Wonderful World," written by Aurin Squire and directed by Christopher Renshaw, the musical was first seen at Miami New Drama just prior to the pandemic, albeit with a different cast, and there was an industry reading in New York this past fall with Iglehart in place.

The current push to Broadway will begin with a short run at the Saenger Theatre in Armstrong's home city of New Orleans before a move to Chicago for a three-week run from Oct. 11-29 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

The show is a jukebox musical told from the perspective of the women in Armstrong's life, exploring Armstrong's career within the context of American racial history, and showcasing many of this great American musician's hits, likely including such numbers as "What a Wonderful World", "Hello, Dolly!", "When You're Smiling" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." The show also will feature original music, music arrangements and orchestrations by Annastasia Victory and Michael O. Mitchell, with choreography by Rickey Tripp.

Armstrong lived, and frequently performed, in Chicago for most of the 1920s prior to his move to New York in 1929 and Los Angeles in 1930.

Individual tickets are not yet on sale. For more details and group bookings, go to www.broadwayinchicago.com.

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'Infinity Pool'

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With James behind the wheel (this part's in the trailer; no spoiler here), there's a scary matter of accidental vehicular homicide and the first of several run-ins with the local police. The key story element of the script hinges on a quaint local custom, any time someone is killed, mistakenly or on purpose, in this foreign land. The eldest son of the wronged family has the right to execute the perpetrator under police supervision.

There's a twist, also in the trailer and a fairly early development in the narrative. It's a lulu: Somehow La Tolqa has perfected the art of body "doubling," in which an exact replica of a human being, complete with their memories, can be manufactured for a fee, thereby letting the real human go free while the double takes the rap. It sounds deeply far-fetched, and it is. And Cronenberg finesses it sincerely and straightforwardly enough, especially in the inspired first half, to make it work.

The second half's spottier, and a bit sludgy in parts. But in important ways, "Infinity Pool" sticks to its guns and has the good sense to not let James off the hook as he descends into madness, depravity and the bizarre catharsis that comes with the art of doppelganger-ing. Skarsgård, Coleman and especially Goth register strongly and commit fiercely, with hints of insane black humor.

Midway through "Infinity Pool," which somehow got re-rated from NC-17 down to a hilariously boundary-stretching R, there's a hallucinatory sex scene (also a drug scene; it's a twofer) that goes on long enough to suggest Cronenberg and his talented editor James Vandewater slipped out of coffee and never came back that day. So be it. Cronenberg knows what he's doing, and this is his most assured act of science-fiction effrontery to date.

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MPA rating: R (for graphic violence, disturbing material, strong sexual content, graphic nudity, drug use, and some language)
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How to watch: In theaters

Samantha Hankey and Heidi Stober in "Hansel and Gretel" at Lyric Opera of Chicago. **CORY WEAVER**

'Hansel'

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benign fairy tales, usually recalled from adulthood through a nostalgic gauze, should be exposed for their nightmarish rawness and sophisticated psychological underpinnings. At the time, I was often troubled by the implicit treatment of children as adults; we've arrived, I think, at a more balanced moment when it comes to truth and caretaking, and Einhorn clearly has softened some edges, emphasized more of the comedy and allowed these beautiful singers to lean into the surreal aspects of a work so singularly capable of extending the aesthetic reach of folkic musical forms.

Watching the kids of Uniting Voices Chicago, formerly known as the Chicago Children's Choir, who make an appearance in Act 2 after Hansel and Gretel have safely burned the witch, is a lot of fun; they seem vocally joyous in victory, even if Humperdinck's score suggests it could be pyrrhic. It all depends how whether you believe there are more witches whence this one came.

Which brings me to Andrew Davis, who returned to the Lyric's podium on Wednesday night, newly crowned as Lyric's musical director emeritus and appearing energetic, relaxed and positively Sondheim-esque.

Children certainly were listening as Davis, seated in the pit and floating happily along with Humperdinck, offering, as the beloved Davis has done for so many decades, the crucial balm that there is nothing so wrong with the world that music cannot fix.

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When: Through Feb. 5
Where: Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Drive
Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes
Tickets: $40-$330 at 312-827-5600 and lyricopera.org

REVIEW 'MAYBE I DO' ★★

Love on the rom-com rocks, for couples of all ages

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Susan Sarandon, Emma Roberts and Luke Bracey in "Maybe I Do." **JOHN BAER/VERTICAL ENTERTAINMENT PHOTOS**

In the romantic comedy "Maybe I Do," a young couple played by Emma Roberts and Luke Bracey debate whether marriage is in their future. She's all in; he's all "What?!" But this bland, beautiful duo might as well be an afterthought. The star attractions are their respective parents, played by a murderers' row of rom-com veterans including Diane Keaton, Richard Gere and Susan Sarandon. Rounding out the foursome is William H. Macy, and you have a quartet of seasoned stars who manage, despite the script's shortcomings, to generate some light absurdist sparkle and emotional nuance as two late-in-life couples dealing with relationship issues and extramarital dalliances of their own.

At its strongest, "Maybe I Do" is a cheery look at a not-so-cheery subject: Loneliness in a long marriage. It comes from writer and first-time feature film director Michael Jacobs, whose resume is mostly in TV (notably as the creator of the '90s ABC comedy "Dinosaurs").

Early on, there's a scene that suggests Jacobs has some interesting things to say about the passage of time and the way restlessness and disappointments can smother you like a weighted blanket that brings no comfort. Sitting alone in a diner one night, Gere's character spies a young couple locking lips at a table nearby. He stares, wistfully. His server walks over and pauses to look as well. And then she says somewhat resignedly: "Not our world anymore." There's so much subtext in that moment.

What does it look like when you share a home with someone but don't share your life anymore? When you don't feel adored — or even seen? When you have a midlife crisis two decades too late in your 70s and find yourself wondering: Is this all there is?

Romantic comedies are so rarely about this particular stage of life, but the film is too hesitant, too nervous to actually let these people talk, and I mean really *talk*, about any of it. There are monologues, but not the kind of back-and-forth that gives a you sense of who these couples were when things weren't so dire. They've been grinning and bearing it for too long, and then suddenly the blister pops and they can't ignore it anymore. That's usually when the real conversations happen: What now?

Richard Gere, left, and William H. Macy in "Maybe I Do."

Couldn't tell you, because Jacobs cuts to the final scene, when all has been resolved (or dissolved, depending on the couple). Missing are the kind of hard, vulnerable adult conversations that happen between two people hashing out whether there's anything left to salvage.

Maybe the film is more interested in the younger couple, you're thinking. Well, no, that's not the case, either. Roberts and Bracey were romantic leads previously in 2020's "Holidate" and Roberts otherwise has a hefty list of rom-com credits. She knows her way around the genre. Teaming them up again should work better than it does, but they're given so little to play with. There's a toothpaste commercial quality to the way their characters have been conceived, with vaguely sketched out traits as opposed to personalities: She's still harboring bruised feelings because one time her mother said she would never be a ballerina, so she became the quirky girl instead (she is self-evidently not a quirky girl) and he's … handsome and just trying to keep the peace. Where's the spark? Where's the *anything*?

They live together but never discussed tying the knot until now. Whatever, I'll go with it. She's insistent and with an ultimatum hanging in the air, they go their separate ways for the night to seek counsel from their respective parents. Her mom and dad (Keaton and Gere) decide the solution is to finally meet his mom and dad (Sarandon and Macy). Or as Gere's character puts it: "Our kid sleeps with their kid — doesn't that entitle us to a dinner?"

The point is getting the parents in the same room together for some humorously chaotic dysfunction that's all very couples swap — the kind wherein the couples don't even realize they've been swapping until it's too late and all their secrets are laid out in a buffet of embarrassments.

Macy and Sarandon's characters are the tougher sell; he's wrapped up in delusions that he's a good man who made a youthful mistake and has been paying for it ever since. He's also the kind of guy who threatens violence against his wife because she annoys him. Kinda saps the "com" out of the "rom." Sarandon's character is positioned as a sex-starved, latter-day version of "Fatal Attraction" and it's conspicuous that no men in her life speak kindly to her for the sin of … not being demure enough? There are complicated issues at the root of this story, of a mismatched couple who are well and truly soured on one another. If only the film wanted to really explore some of that.

Gere is the movie's saving grace and somehow makes it all seem worth it. He and Keaton worked together with markedly different results in 1977's "Looking for Mr. Goodbar," so to see them playing a couple who have palpable love and tenderness for one another, even amid their problems, gives a warm and unexpected frisson to their pairing.

But it's more than that. Gere is barely suppressing a smile in almost every scene he's in, bringing an affable "sure, where do ya' need me?" vibe to the proceedings.

He is delighted to be here — and we, by extension, are delighted by him.

Where to watch: In theaters

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REVIEW 'YOU PEOPLE' ★★

Murphy saves an otherwise trite meet-the-parents comedy

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

David Duchovny, from left, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jonah Hill, Lauren London, Eddie Murphy and Nia Long in a scene from "You People." **PARRISH LEWIS/NETFLIX**

Already there's a huge range of reactions to "You People," debuting on Netflix on Jan. 27 after a week in a few theaters for appearance's sake. Hilarious? Riotous? Hackneyed? Annoying? Are comic sensibilities really so various that nobody can agree whether the laughs and the heart are there with this thing, or not?

Well, no. We can't agree. Comedy, like everything else in movies, has a tendency to divide, not unite. Surely most of us know the feeling of being the one not laughing in a laughing crowd, the Buster Keaton surrounded by hyenas.

Already raved up in early reviews, "You People" offers a few choice bits and throwaway lines served up by a first-rate cast — especially Eddie Murphy and Julia Louis-Dreyfus — way, way out ahead of their material. For millions of eyeballs, they'll be enough.

"Black-ish" creator Kenya Barris directed and co-wrote the Los Angeles-set "You People." His co-writer, Jonah Hill, stars as Ezra, a 35-year-old stockbroker tired of his job and eager to develop his side hustle — a brash podcast on Black culture, which he hosts with his friend Mo (Sam Jay). She calls Ezra "my favorite Jew with nuthin' to do"; he's so devoted to their mutual love for the podcast's subject, he's like the brother Quentin Tarantino never had.

The topic their podcast hits on in every episode, inevitably, is simple: Can Black and white people in America today ever truly know each other? When lonely Ezra meets aspiring costume designer Amira (Lauren London), the question shifts from macro to micro. She's the daughter of Muslim parents Akbar (Murphy) and Fatima (Nia Long), who do not love the idea of their only girl getting serious with a white man.

Ezra's parents, meantime, are more receptive but also more embarrassing, especially Shelley (Louis-Dreyfus), married to podiatrist Arnold (David Duchovny, very much sidelined and near-silent in the final cut). In the first big fat awkward meet-up with her future in-laws, Shelley broadcasts her sympathy with and understanding of the Black experience in ways that scream "Wake up! I'm *woke!*" "You know the national anthem?" she asks, as she's being pushed out of the living room by her aghast son. "I think *everybody* should kneel!"

"You People" contrives obstacle after obstacle for Ezra and Amira, with the expected arrival of serious relational conflict around the two-thirds point. A rom-com's predictability rarely dents a streaming audience's enjoyment of anything. Predictable is comfortable. Still, without Murphy's deadpan, steely reactions to the latest affront, "You People" would be all strain and little gain.

On the page and as acted, Hill settles for familiar readings of lines that should be fresher. Ezra's a chronic liar, largely out of desperation to please or get along with his perpetually side-eyeing in-laws. Some of the bits work, usually in dubious taste; one deals with Ezra concocting a story about the modest engagement ring he buys for Amira being an heirloom from his grandmother, "from the Holocaust."

The movie gives us dueling bachelor/ette parties in Palm Springs and Las Vegas, and eventually Akbar sees past his initial harsh judgment of Ezra. The crises come and go, but my heart periodically sank watching "You People" squander its on-screen pros. In an early Yom Kippur sequence, set at LA's Skirball Cultural Center, you get Hal Linden, Elliott Gould and Richard Benjamin in cameos, only to be saddled with a relay joke about Ezra's genitals.

I'm spoiling nothing by saying the central couple just might stay coupled in the end. "Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed Cohen," Murphy says, smiling, approvingly, to Louis-Dreyfus, his partner in movie-saving. "Ain't that a bitch?" A century ago, the massive Broadway hit "Abie's Irish Rose" satisfied audiences with a tale of an Irish lass, a Jewish boy and their meddling, tradition-minded parents. With a smooth overlay of LA sights and sounds, and a side of blueprints stolen from "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" and "Meet the Fockers," "You People" ends up a lot less insightfully funny than "Black-ish."

At heart it's a disappointing 21st century answer to "Abie's Irish Rose."

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Movie genres marry in 'Shotgun Wedding'

Cast gets not cold but wet feet on set of action rom-com

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel star as a couple having a big destination wedding in "Shotgun Wedding." **LIONSGATE PHOTOS**

Josh Duhamel was filming a scene in the new action rom-com "Shotgun Wedding" in which his fiance, played by Jennifer Lopez, throws a grenade up in the air. He hits it like a baseball into a bad guy who blows up and sets off a display of rainbow-colored fireworks.

"I was like, holy (expletive), this movie is bonkers," Duhamel said.

The film, directed by Jason Moore, starts out like a regular romantic comedy. Lopez's Darcy and Duhamel's Tom are having a big destination wedding on an island. There's funny and awkward family dynamics and a charismatic ex-boyfriend shows up too. And Darcy and Tom find themselves fighting and about to call off the wedding moments before they're to walk down the aisle. Then a band of pirates armed with guns arrives and takes the wedding party hostage.

Lopez, who produced and stars, came to the Mark Hammer script through her producing partner Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas — they have been making films together since "Maid in Manhattan."

"She's kind of the architect of careers," Lopez said. "We do really kind of think about not just what we want to do, but what the audience would enjoy or what the world needs at different times. I even do that as an artist with my albums and the things I want to put out in the world as a message."

D'Arcy Carden and Cheech Marin are among the film's cast.

"Shotgun Wedding," now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, was not just a fun genre mashup in a slick package, Lopez liked the idea that her character was getting married for the first time at an "older age" and that Tom was the "groomzilla," obsessed with the details and logistics of planning the event.

It took, she said, "different things that people don't think of as conventional and normal and making that thing regular and acceptable."

The film was not a hard sell for anyone involved. From Cheech Marin, who plays Darcy's billionaire father, to Jennifer Coolidge, as Tom's very normal Midwestern mother, everyone basically heard "Jennifer Lopez" and "Dominican Republic shoot" and signed up.

"It was a funny script," Coolidge said. "We had a table read at the very beginning, and I remember it was such a good table read. I remember thinking, 'Oh my God, this is going to be really fun.' "

There was a hitch before they got to the island. Armie Hammer had been originally set to play Tom, but he stepped away from the project after misconduct allegations surfaced, which he has denied. They were two weeks into prep and a pivotal role needed to be recast. Moore, a Broadway veteran, didn't panic.

"There's always a moment when the understudy has to go on," Moore said. "It always works out. ... There were a couple of days of 'Oh boy,' and it yielded something even more wonderful."

Duhamel had been on Moore's shortlist and had also been friendly with Lopez for years.

"He's an incredibly handsome 1940s movie star who's not afraid to look vulnerable and silly," Moore said. Duhamel and Lopez spoke over Zoom and decided it was a go.

"You really do need a certain kind of chemistry," Lopez said. "This was not just romantic-comedy chemistry. It's more, you know, trusting each other and doing actions and doing stunts and also broad comedy. It was a lot."

"It was so much better than I even imagined," Lopez added. "We were just like right on the same wavelength."

Coolidge also approved.

"They're so fun to look at," Coolidge said. "You know, you want to see everything ... you want to see them get together. You're attracted to both people, and then you watch them, you know, be attracted to each other."

But of course pirates get in the way of some of that, and also promptly force the wedding guests to stand in a pool as their hostages while they try to find the fighting bride and groom. It was a lot of time partially submerged in water with about a dozen other people.

"I'm probably not supposed to say, but we didn't change the water the whole time we were shooting," said Coolidge.

D'Arcy Carden, who plays Marin's new-agey and much younger girlfriend, said those 20 some days were a little humbling.

Marin and Steve Coulter, who played Coolidge's husband, would even sometimes take naps in their soaking wet suits next to one another, of which Carden says she has photographic proof.

But aside from soggy shoes for two weeks, Carden said it was "as dreamy a situation as you could be in."

Much of the cast even lived together in a giant house and would go out together most nights, which translated into a family-like atmosphere on set.

"It was like this weird sort of movie dorm," Duhamel said. "But with a spa and a hot tub and a pool and a beach."

Lenny Kravitz, as Darcy's ex-boyfriend, even flies in (in a helicopter) to disrupt things.

"He's an amplified sort of ridiculous version of, you know, a tiny part of what people think I am," said Kravitz, a longtime friend of Lopez's.

Moore wanted to make sure that the film looked "big and James Bond and lux. Sometimes action rom-coms can look kind of small."

And all were impressed by Lopez, who doesn't act the "movie star" part on set. During a day filming scenes on a small boat in the open water, Lopez went into producer mode and decided they didn't need an extra boat for her makeup person to be out there with them. She could do her makeup herself. And she nailed it, Moore said.

"She is a mogul and a producer and a storyteller, an actress, a singer and a brilliant physical comedienne," Moore said. "She's got discipline, and she's got artistic finesse, which is a wonderful combo. She really can do everything."

Annie Ilonzeh, left, as Bianca, and Joseph Sikora as Rom in "Fear." **HIDDEN EMPIRE FILM GROUP**

'FEAR' ★ ½

Overwrought horror film on pandemic fails to truly scare

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Deon Taylor is a fascinating figure, having forged a path as a Black filmmaker in Hollywood, independently producing and now, distributing, his films, and he seems to be the only person single-handedly keeping the midbudget adult thriller alive. He is rigorously focused on the craft of filmmaking, but he's also obsessed with serving a multicultural audience that goes largely underserved by certain swaths of the industry. A pandemic was certainly not going to derail his mission, and in his latest film, the horror flick "Fear," Taylor takes the pandemic head-on, utilizing our collective anxieties as the grist for his storytelling mill.

"Fear" is a COVID-19 movie, a contagion film and a haunted house story. The film would be a tortured metaphor for the ways in which we allow fear to rule our lives, and how we manifest what we focus on, but it's not so much a metaphor as it is plainly and repeatedly stated throughout.

Joseph Sikora stars as horror novelist Rom, who takes his girlfriend, Bianca (Annie Ilonzeh), on a getaway in Northern California as a reprieve from lockdown. They arrive at the rustic Strawberry Lodge, and as he's about to propose, he falters, instead revealing that he's invited their friends to celebrate Bianca's birthday. They've got the historical lodge to themselves for the weekend, and don't worry about the creepy innkeeper who leaves them a terrible bottle of wine, or the detailed stories that Rom tells about the miners who tortured and killed Indigenous women, thought to be witches. Nope, nothing to worry about at all.

As the friends confess their phobias around the campfire, the story unfolds every which way. The fear of contagion and paranoia sets in, especially after a news report about a new coronavirus variant, and as Lou (rapper T.I.) becomes increasingly ill.

"Fear" relies on craft for creating atmosphere and tension — the sickly greenish handheld cinematography by Christopher Duskin, the pounding score by Geoff Zanelli and the impeccable sound design. But the script, by Taylor and John Ferry, proves that it is possible to have too many ideas for one film. Taylor's other outings, like "The Intruder" and "Black and Blue," were sleeker and more streamlined high-concept projects; in "Fear," it feels like he's throwing everything at the wall, not to see if it sticks, but because he so enthusiastically wants to do it all. But the screenplay doesn't get deep enough with the characters, or allow anything to breathe.

Deadliest of all, "Fear" is just not scary. The jump scares don't land, the fears themselves are a bit silly and it feels like Taylor is holding back for the majority of the run time. We're ahead of these characters, who are too dumb to root for (with the exception of Bianca) and playing catch-up at the same time, without being clued in to their motivations at all. It doesn't start ripping until the last few minutes.

Taylor's goal with "Fear" is to argue that we shouldn't let fear overrun our lives, but he doesn't so much as show why that is rather than just repeat it. The film proves its opposite argument, that, in moderation, fear can be a good thing.

MPA rating: R (for bloody violence and language)
Running time: 1:40
How to watch: In theaters

Shakira Ja'nai Paye, left, and Tosin Cole in "House Party." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

REVIEW 'HOUSE PARTY' ★ ½

No need to RSVP for muddled, unfunny reboot of '90s classic

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Fun fact about Reginald Hudlin's 1990 classic comedy "House Party" starring comedic duo Kid 'n Play: It was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry in the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant," no doubt referring to the high-top fad and iconic kick-step dance that it popularized. It's no wonder that New Line and Warner Bros. fired up the reboot machine for this title three decades later to give the concept a fresh new 2020s spin, especially with basketball superstar LeBron James on board to develop, produce and appear in the project.

But this remake, directed by Calmatic in his feature debut, is definitely not headed for the Library of Congress. This comedically and narratively muddled take on the title (not even the original premise) is deeply unfunny and downright tiresome.

Back in 1990, Kid 'n Play portrayed two high school students sneaking out to a house party and finding adventure along the way. In the remake, Jacob Latimore and Tosin Cole star as 20-something best friends Kevin and Damon, two ne'er-do-well party promoters by night, house cleaners by day, who find themselves working at James' mansion and decide to throw a party there while he's away.

As a wise man (Danny Glover in "Lethal Weapon") once said, "I'm too old for this (expletive)," and indeed that may be the case with "House Party," in which watching these two unlikable morons make a series of increasingly idiotic decisions with regard to James' home, art collection and championship trophies becomes a truly unbearable endurance test for anyone watching who has ever rented an Airbnb.

The careless property damage might be worth it if there were any stakes or sense of narrative momentum to the script by Stephen Glover and Jamal Olori. Kevin keeps claiming he needs to throw the party to earn money for his daughter's school (custody seems to be a factor) because his musty homemade beats aren't making him any money, and his parents (Bill Bellamy and Nia Long) are selling their home. Damon's motivation seems to be that he wants to floss in a borrowed mansion for the 'gram.

The film drifts from one scenario to the next without much to thrust it forward; when Kevin gets frustrated with Damon, claiming the party's out of control, it seems to be only because it's the appropriate time in the story for that to happen, not that the party itself is actually out of control. The saggy, baggy, narrative is knit together with celebrity cameos and Y2K nostalgia; the best moment comes from a surprise performance by Juvenile, and singer Mya has a legitimate supporting role.

The comedy waffles between nonsensically heightened and realistically grounded, never landing on a tone. The only semi-interesting part of the film features rapper/actor Scott Mescudi, aka Kid Cudi, as himself, and an "Eyes Wide Shut"-style "Illuminati" party. It's a momentary diversion, but Mescudi is a captivating screen presence, and that's the house party we'd actually like to see — not this messy, frustrating remake that doesn't manage to justify its own existence.

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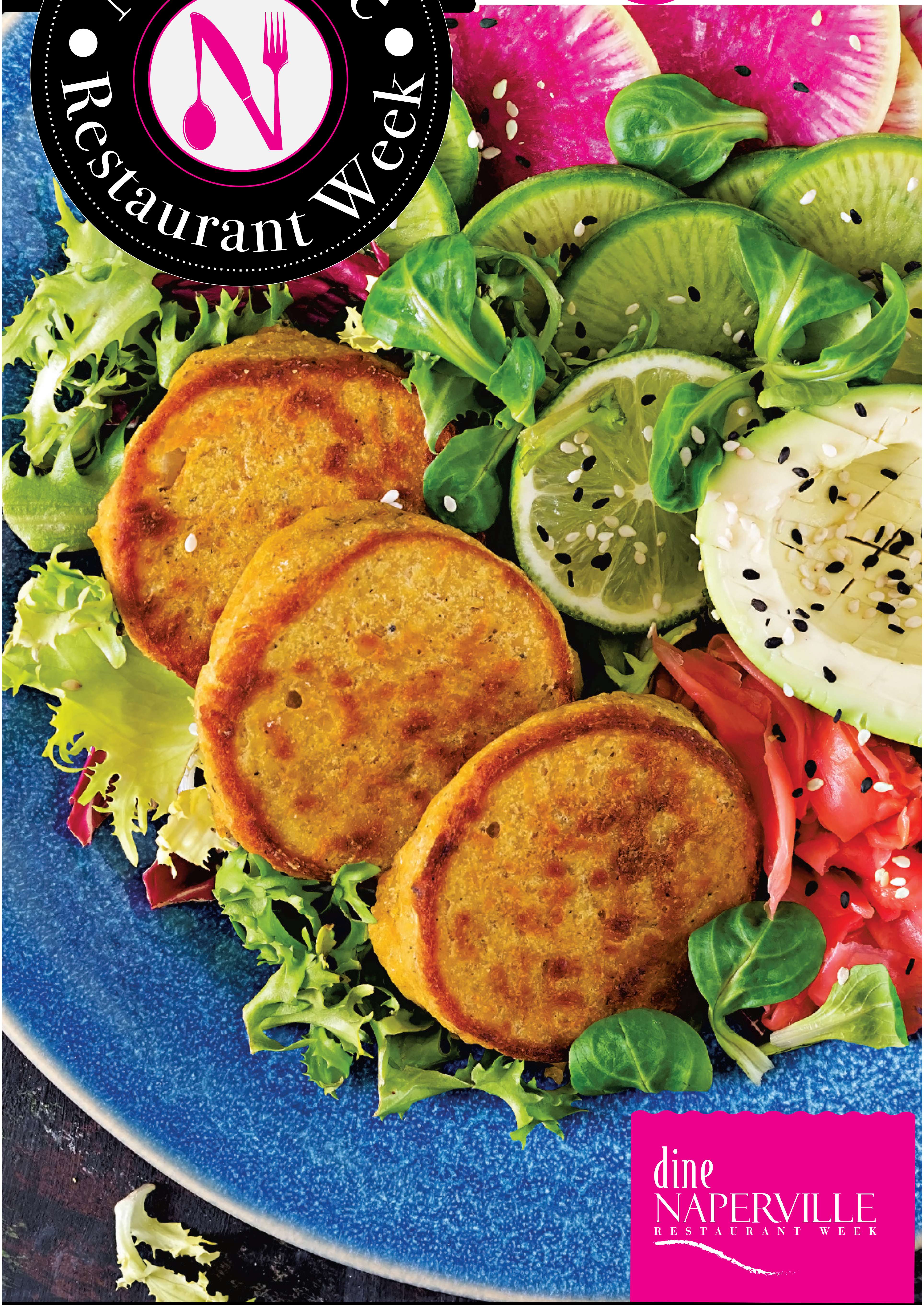

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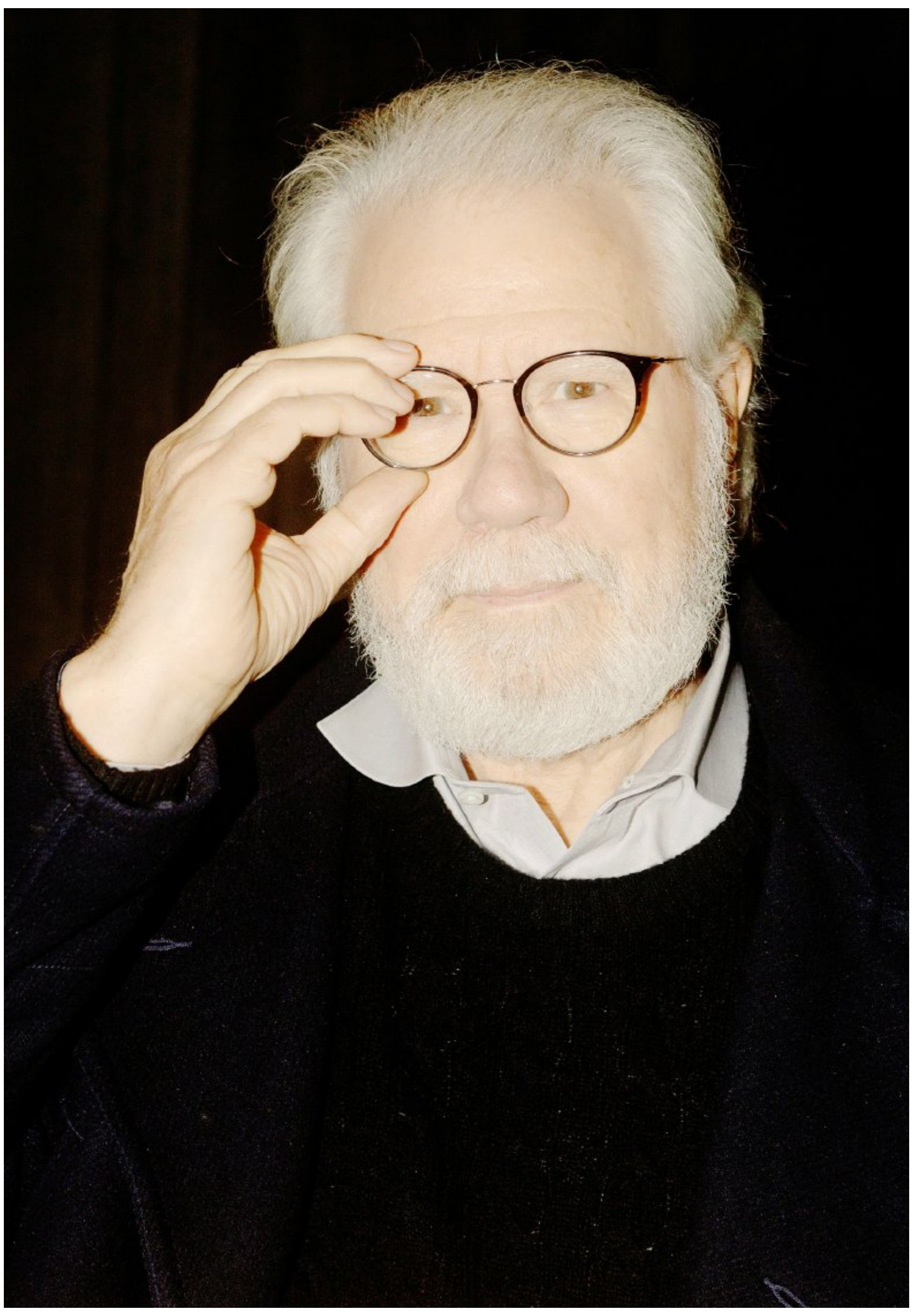
Larroquette returns to 'Court' on defense

Actor wanted to see if he could make old character funny again



John Larroquette, seen Jan. 3 in Portland, Oregon, reprises his award-winning "Night Court" role as Dan Fielding in a new version of the sitcom. **WILL MATSUDA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

By Alexis Soloski
The New York Times

In 1985, John Larroquette won the Emmy for best supporting actor for his work in "Night Court."

Larroquette, a New Orleans native with a double bass voice and a 6-foot-4 frame, played Dan Fielding, the smarmy prosecutor assigned to the graveyard shift at a Manhattan municipal court. (Here is Entertainment Weekly's appreciation: "Rarely has horny smugness been so convincingly portrayed.")

Larroquette won again in 1986. And in 1987 and 1988. Then he declined to be considered for further awards.

"I didn't want to outstay my welcome," he said in a recent interview from his home in Portland, Oregon. He had taken the character, he felt, to the limits of what the network would allow. The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences should give someone else a chance.

"It was a high-class problem, my God," he said.

"Night Court," an affable workplace comedy with a rich vein of absurdism, ran from 1984 to 1992 as part of NBC's vaunted Thursday night bloc. Enjoying the stability and the camaraderie, Larroquette put in the hours until the end. But when the network offered him a spinoff, he declined. His nine seasons as Dan had defined his professional life; he wanted to try other people on for size.

"I thought, I've done this for a long time," he said. "If I let him die his natural death, maybe I can do another character elsewhere."

But Dan Fielding didn't die. On NBC, he is approaching the "Night Court" bench once more. In the show's reboot, a multicamera passion project for Melissa Rauch ("The Big Bang Theory"), Larroquette reprises his role — bearded, grayer, less able to leap a courtroom's railing in a single bound.

"I wanted to see if I could make him funny again, truly," Larroquette said. Then, smiling his signature smile that reduces his eyes to slits — half grimace, half goof — he landed the punchline. "Also, let's be honest, it was a lot of money."

Larroquette, 75, doesn't see his career, before "Night Court" or after, as having a deliberate arc. He understands it instead as a flashy pinball game that has bounced him from bumper to bumper and sometimes into the gutter, artistically anyway. (Pressed, he'll mention the "Fawlty Towers" remake "Payne.")

After "Night Court," he next starred in "The John Larroquette Show," a comedy about a recovering alcoholic that skewed too dark for network tastes. (Larroquette is about 40 years sober.) That comedy, created by Don Reo, captured a little of his native melancholy, a morsel of his seriousness.

"I had no idea I'd be working with an actor who was as into Samuel Beckett as he was," Reo said.

"Staring into the abyss and the abyss is staring back — that spoke to both of us," he added. "He's just in touch with the curse and the blessing of being alive."

Stints on the David E. Kelley shows "Boston Legal" and "The Practice" followed. "The Practice" earned him a fifth Emmy. Once a lawyer, almost always a lawyer: "You don't think of me as a guy that runs a motorcycle shop," Larroquette said with his usual rumble.

Kelley said: "You're looking for an actor who can be funny without compromising those dramatic stakes. John keeps things real."

Afterward, fulfilling a lifelong dream, Larroquette went to Broadway, where he earned a Tony in 2011 as a featured actor in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." He has rarely felt entirely satisfied as an artist; this came close.

"I wish I had been more substantial in that regard," he said. "Basically, I've never considered acting much of an art."

In recent years, Larroquette had begun to contemplate retirement. He has a pension from the Screen Actors Guild and some savings. And Social Security. "Because I'm an old guy," he said. None of his three children, he joked, need bail money. He had spoken to his wife, former actor Elizabeth Larroquette, and consulted financial advisers. They told him that as long as he didn't buy too many more rare books — he collects those, particularly Beckett first editions — or live past 105 years old, he'd be all right.

Then Rauch called. She loved "Night Court" as a kid and hoped to oversee its reprise. She wanted Larroquette as a part of it. Larroquette turned her down, more or less flat. He wasn't the physical comedian he had been, and he didn't feel that Dan's libidinous ways matched current sensibilities.

"He said no," Rauch recalled in a recent conversation. "But there was also a bit of a door open."

Because Larroquette had questions. He didn't want to see the reputation of the original "Night Court" sullied. So he and Rauch kept talking — about what this new show should be, about what needed to change and what should stay the same. Gradually, they developed a friendship. And when Rauch announced that she planned to star in the series, playing a judge, the daughter of Harry Anderson's Harry Stone, he agreed to join.

"There was a part of me that was intrigued by the idea of reinhabiting the character that I'd played 35 years ago and what's funny about him now," he said.

In this re-imagining, Dan is still a narcissist and a buffoon. Yet, he no longer leads with his genitals. He has loved and lost, and the ladies who saunter in and out of court no longer hold the same allure.

"There's no degrading glances," Larroquette said. "Nobody wants to see an old man do anything. I don't find it appealing. So I don't know where the humor would come from."

One further change: Dan is a defense attorney now, a source of occasional confusion. "This man is a depraved menace and has no place in a decent society," Dan says of his first client, a man accused of lewd acts. Then he course-corrects: "My client, dare I say, my friend, is an outstanding pillar of his community." The client then flashes the bench.

But this reboot had gravitas, for Larroquette at least. Almost every major member of the core cast has died — Anderson in 2018, Markie Post and Charlie Robinson in 2021. While filming on a set that mixed pieces from the original production with re-creations, he said, he sometimes would look over and see his old castmates as they had been.

"So it was sad," Larroquette said. "It was. It hurt."

REVIEW 'WHEN YOU FINISH SAVING THE WORLD' ★★★

Eisenberg directs moving tale about mom and son's friction

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Finn Wolfhard, left, and Julianne Moore in Jesse Eisenberg's directorial debut "When You Finish Saving The World." **A24**

In Jesse Eisenberg's smart directorial debut, "When You Finish Saving the World," Julianne Moore plays a Good Person, at least on paper. Evelyn runs a women's shelter for victims of domestic abuse and other kinds of horrors. She drives an eco-friendly car. She listens to the classical music station. She eats Ethiopian food. She lives an unflashy yet undeniably privileged life in a nice suburban home with her husband and teenage son.

She is not what you might call "happy" in the traditional sense. Her state of being is more like one of smug satisfaction — or it might be were it not for her high school-age kid. Despite all her best efforts to mold him in her image, he has become his own person, and it's a person she doesn't really like.

The kid in question, Ziggy (Finn Wolfhard), decided some time ago that money and fame were what he wanted in life, and he has gotten a taste of both through a popular YouTube channel where he livestreams songs for a growing audience of young girls who then throw money at him through likes. He is also smug, in a different way, and resentful of his mother's sanctimoniousness.

Ziggy seems to have been shaped in Eisenberg's image, or at the least the image we have of him as an awkward, deeply insecure person who masks his flaws with cruelty and intelligence in films like "The Social Network" and "The Squid and the Whale." Wolfhard embodies the cadence and emotionless affect of his director's on-screen persona perfectly.

The heart of the film is the aching missed connections between mother and son. They have, they know, so much to be grateful for and yet can't seem to rise above their superficial differences. It's discontented suburban white people, sure, but Eisenberg keeps it fresh, modern and piercing. This point is hammered in, sometimes too bluntly, as both glom onto what they imagine to be ideal companions outside of the home.

Ziggy develops a crush on a serious, politically motivated peer, Lila (Alisha Boe), and tries on a social justice persona to get in her good graces. He has not yet learned to distinguish kindness from romantic interest. And so he asks Evelyn for help on how to sound smart and political. Rather than using it as an opportunity to connect, she decides it's a teaching moment to scold him to do the work. They are both right, and they are both wrong.

Ziggy is not the only party at fault. He at least has the excuse of his wild teenage brain to blame. Evelyn, on the other hand, does not. The capacity for immaturity is boundless.

Eisenberg's script goes hard on this imperfect mother, and Moore fully commits to her awkwardness and cruelty that she hides behind her goodness. At the center where she works, she finds a stand-in son, a boy about Ziggy's age who has come in with his mother to help her get some reprieve from an abusive husband. Kyle (Billy Bryk) is a decent and thoughtful kid — kind to a fault and eager to please. The fact that Kyle has emerged this "good" from a household so outwardly "bad" breaks something in Evelyn's brain. She starts to claim Kyle as her own, dreaming about his future, taking him out to dinner, failing to see how uncomfortable she's making him.

Eisenberg, who has already proven himself to be a talented, unsparing writer, shows promise as a director. His directorial debut is a biting, occasionally sweet character piece about unlikable characters that you still may want to root for; though it may be hard to admit, they're not so different from us.

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How to watch: In theaters

Film journey takes Basir from Detroit to Sundance in Utah

By Adam Graham
The Detroit News

Qasim and Samantha Basir attend the Jan. 20 premiere of "To Live and Die and Live" in Utah. **ROBIN MARCHANT/GETTY**

When he was in his 20s, Qasim Basir was running around Detroit making movies and selling them at local liquor stores.

Now in his 40s, Basir is still running around Detroit making movies, but he's selling them at Sundance instead.

Basir, who grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Detroit, headed to the recent Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, with his latest film, "To Live and Die and Live."

It's Basir's second feature to land at Sundance, after his romance "A Boy. A Girl. A Dream." played there in 2018. This time might be just a little bit sweeter, given the personal nature of the story, about a filmmaker (played by Amin Joseph) who returns home to Detroit after the death of his stepfather, which was inspired by Basir's own journey home after the loss of his stepfather five years ago.

"Something had been telling me to write something that scares you, and this was one of those stories," says Basir, 42, in a recent interview. "So I wrote this story, and it just kind of poured out of me."

Detroit not only plays a role in the movie, but it's also arguably its star, as Basir captures the vibrancy of the city in a way that hasn't been caught on camera since Michigan's film incentives program ended in 2015. He shot in and around downtown in summer 2021.

"I wanted to shoot Detroit beautiful because no one does that," says Basir, who shot the film himself in addition to writing, directing and producing. "It's always the blight, the decay, the destruction. So it was like, all right, if I have a chance to photograph this city in a way that no one's done it, that would be kind of cool, as a backdrop to this story."

"To Live and Die and Live" also stars Skye P. Marshall, Omari Hardwick and several of Basir's family members, including his sister, Maryam, and his wife, Samantha. Family, community and addiction are all themes in the story, playing out against an airy love story between Joseph and Marshall's characters.

In 2020, Basir's mother made him sit down and watch an early movie he made, "Inner Struggle." He filmed it in the mid-2000s around the Brewster-Douglass Housing Projects in Detroit — making things up and figuring them out as he went along.

Basir had no interest in revisiting "Inner Struggle," but his mom insisted, and watching it helped realign his perspectives and get him out of his temporary career funk.

"It was probably one of the most important things that could have happened to me," says Basir. "More than anything, it was a reminder of, man, the audacity of y'all to go and do that. Who was doing that around here then? No one! It was before the incentives, it was before all of that.

"So watching it did a lot for me," he says. "It was like, you know what? You don't have to wait on these studios. You know how to do this. You know how to go and make a thing, so maybe you should do that."

It wasn't easy. Basir says "To Live and Die and Live" was the most challenging film he has ever made, due in no small part to the birth of his second child during production. Most of the movie takes place at night, so shoots would start around 7 p.m. and stretch until 4 or 5 a.m. And there were COVID-19 logistics and other hurdles that come with making an independent film.

But he soldiered on, raising money from local investors in Detroit and hoping for a return to Sundance on the back end.

Basir wrapped "To Live and Die and Live" in late summer 2021 and submitted the film for Sundance 2022, but it was rejected. He retooled the film, cut 45 minutes and submitted it again, and this time, he got in.

His journey with the film has given him new grounding and has reaffirmed his bond with Detroit.

"It was just a matter of going back to my roots and getting creative with it," he says.

What to watch

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Shrinking

Apple TV+ ■ New Series

Jason Segel created and stars in this 10-episode comedy that he co-wrote with Ted Lasso co-creator Bill Lawrence and Ted Lasso star/writer/co-executive producer Brett Goldstein. Segel plays a grieving therapist who starts to break the rules and tell his clients exactly what he thinks. Ignoring his training and ethics, he finds himself making huge, tumultuous changes to people's lives ... including his own. Harrison Ford, who in his long and famed career had not had a major role in a TV series until the current drama 1923 (which debuted in December and is still dropping new episodes on Paramount+), adds another one to his resume as co-star here. The cast also includes Christa Miller, Jessica Williams, Michael Urie, Luke Tennie and Lukita Maxwell. The first two episodes are available today; new episodes drop Fridays.

'You People'

PARRISH LEWIS, NETFLIX

You People

Netflix ■ Original Film

A new couple (Jonah Hill and Lauren London) fall in love and find themselves confronting societal expectations, generational differences and clashing cultures among their families (played by Eddie Murphy and Nia Long, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus and David Duchovny). The comedy is the feature-film directorial debut for black-ish creator Kenya Barris, who co-wrote the screenplay with Hill.

Shotgun Wedding

Prime Video ■ Original Film

Darcy (Jennifer Lopez) and Tom's (Josh Duhamel) extravagant destination wedding gets hijacked by criminals. In the process of saving their families, they rediscover why they fell in love in the first place. Jennifer Coolidge, Lenny Kravitz, Cheech Marin and Steve Coulter also star in this romantic action/comedy film from director Jason Moore (Pitch Perfect).

Figure Skating: U.S. Championships

USA Network, 4 p.m. Live

Coverage of the men's short program championship.

Figure Skating: U.S. Championships

NBC, 7 p.m. Live

NBC has live primetime coverage of the women's free skate at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, California.

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PBS, 8 p.m.

In "The Roots Residency," hip-hop legends the Roots give an electrifying performance during their residency at the Kennedy Center. Beyond the stage, the band endeavors to use their influence and platform to explore the depths of their creative potential and inspire the next generation of cultural leaders.

Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom

Nat Geo, 9 p.m.

In "Flocks of Love," Lily the Masai giraffe needs an X-ray to determine if she has broken her toe, but she's reluctant to be anesthetized; the park's tightknit pack of painted dog brothers must be separated to get their annual health check; and at the Tree of Life, the lesser flamingo flock gets a visit from the stork with a very cute addition to Disney's Animal Kingdom.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Ocean's 8'

BARRY WETCHER

Bad Boys (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith **VH1, 5 p.m.**

Bound by Blackmail (2022, Drama) Jade Harlow, Diora Baird **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Christine (1983, Horror) Keith Gordon, John Stockwell **AMC, 5 p.m.**

Skyscraper (2018, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell **FX, 5 p.m.**

Taken 2 (2012, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace **IFC, 5 p.m.**

Finding Love in Mountain View (2020, Romance) Danielle C. Ryan, Myko Olivier **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

Cars (2006, Children) Owen Wilson, Paul Newman **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Ocean's 8 (2018, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett **TBS, 7 p.m.**

Pretty Woman (1990, Romance-comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts **Lifetime, 7 p.m.**

The Goonies (1985, Children) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin **AMC, 7 p.m.**

The Lost Boys (1987, Horror) Jason Patric, Corey Haim **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

Zombieland (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg **IFC, 9:30 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

David Janssen Triple Feature

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

For nearly 20 years before he became most famous for his Emmy-nominated role as Dr. Richard Kimble in the classic 1963-67 television series The Fugitive, David Harold Meyer — better known as David Janssen — had a number of roles on the big screen, as supporting and lead characters. Three of the movies Janssen headlined prior to his TV stardom are airing tonight on Turner Classic Movies, starting with 1960's **Hell to Eternity (pictured),** a biopic based on the actual experiences of World War II Marine Pfc. Guy Gabaldon (played by Jeffrey Hunter) and his heroic actions during the Battle of Saipan. Janssen co-stars as Gabaldon's sergeant. After that is **Ring of Fire** (1961), an action drama led by Janssen as a deputy sheriff in Oregon who is taken hostage by robbery suspects as forest fires rage around them. Tonight's third and final feature is **Twenty Plus Two** (1961), a mystery with Janssen as an investigator delving into a case involving the murdered fan-club secretary of a famous movie star and a missing heiress. Jeanne Crain and Dina Merrill co-star.

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Documentary tunes into arc of soft rock's popularity

By Rodney Ho
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Soft rock is a subgenre that by its very name is easy to make fun of. It's goopy. It's sappy. It's full of pianos and emotional longing.

Now it's getting the documentary treatment on Paramount+. The three-part series is named after the 1977 Dan Hill ballad "Sometimes When We Touch" and includes the subtitle "The reign, the ruin and the resurrection of soft rock."

The fast-paced, well-crafted documentary covers the genre's big names such as the Carpenters, Christopher Cross, Air Supply and Michael McDonald, but it also gives some lesser known acts room to breath such as Pablo Cruise, Ambrosia, Rupert Holmes and, of course, Dan Hill. It chronicles the rise of soft rock in the 1970s through the early 1980s, the mockery and collapse of the genre during the MTV era and the comeback of the sound in recent years.

"Michael McDonald was winning Grammys and selling out arenas, then five years later, he couldn't get booked in coffee shops," said Van Toffler, CEO of the project's production company Gunpowder & Sky, which is a partner with MTV Entertainment Studios on the series. "Now the Doobie Brothers are back to selling out arenas again. You couldn't have created a better movie arc than this."

The series provides historical context to the soft rock revolution, noting that after the tumultuous 1960s, "America was in need of relief, and soft rock was there like a sonic colonic," says the documentary's narrator Pete Sepenuk.

The first episode breaks down how the keyboard dominates the soft rock sound versus the guitar for harder rock. The sound is even described as "the Doobie bounce," which has an R&B inflection, exemplified by the group's 1979 song "What a Fool Believes."

Daryl "DMC" McDaniels of Run DMC is among the musicians interviewed in "Sometimes When We Touch." **PARAMOUNT+**

The series also features musicians in other genres expressing their love for soft rock, including Stewart Copeland of the Police, Daryl "DMC" McDaniels of Run DMC, Nancy Wilson of Heart, Susanna Hoffs of the Bangles, and Sheryl Crow.

The second episode focuses on how uncool soft rock became when MTV arrived. "It became survival of the photogenic," says the decidedly unphotogenic Holmes of "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)" fame.

The third episode is about how the genre is now beloved in many circles, how popular yacht rock has become and how artists such as Dua Lipa, Harry Styles and the Weeknd funnel soft rock in their music today.

The comeback in the 1990s and 2000s also came in part due to rap acts. Toffler said so many hip-hop acts such as Drake and Warren G grew up with parents playing soft rock songs, so sampling those tunes was natural.

"This music wasn't maligned," Toffler said. "They were just great melodic songs by the best musicians of that time. Daryl DMC loves Sarah McLachlan."

The documentary wasn't able to get every big soft rock act available to talk to them. They missed relatively press-shy McDonald and prickly Daryl Hall of Hall & Oates. But they did get Kenny Loggins, Verdine White of Earth, Wind & Fire, and Robert "Kool" Bell of Kool & the Gang.

"My biggest regret is we didn't get Richard Carpenter," Toffler said. "He had just written a book. He was done talking about it. The Carpenters were such a rich part of that genre. That to me was a missed opportunity."

Toffler credits director Lauren Lazin for getting the series to flow so well. The bottom line, he said, is the best of soft rock music still holds up decades later.

"I'm just amazed how good these songs are and how good the playing is," Toffler said. "It has a lasting impact. I hope people not just enjoy the music they hear in this documentary but all the good stories around the music."

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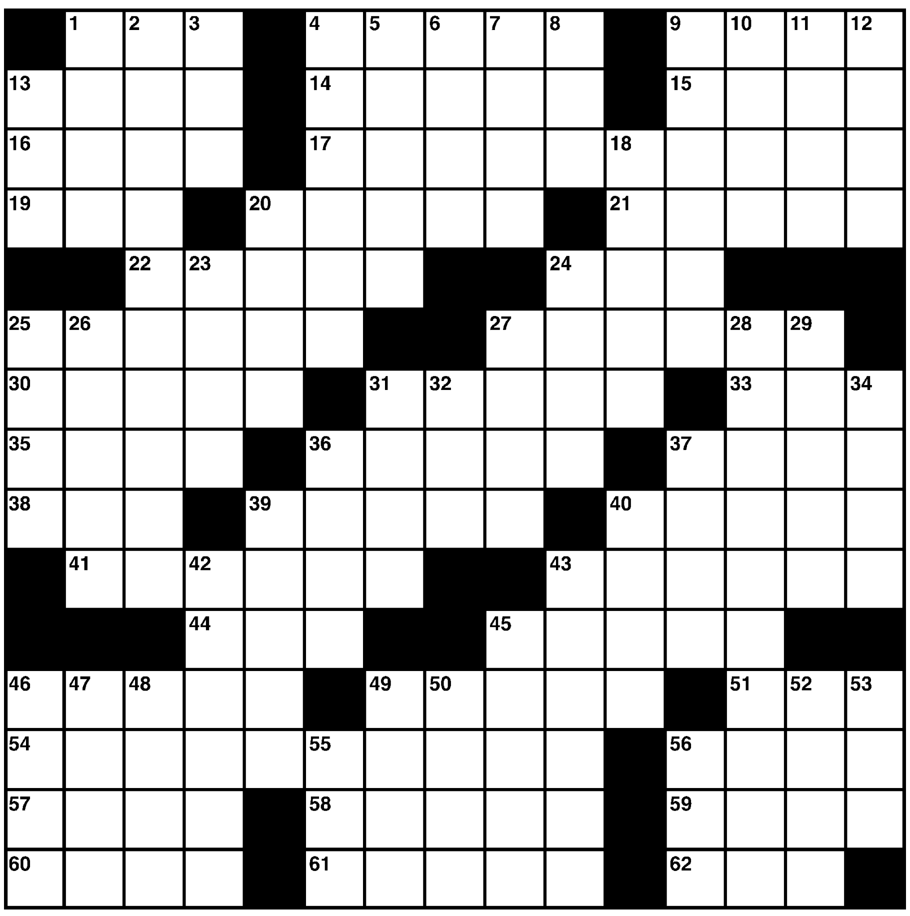

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ACROSS
1 Novak or Kardashian
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14 Lock horns
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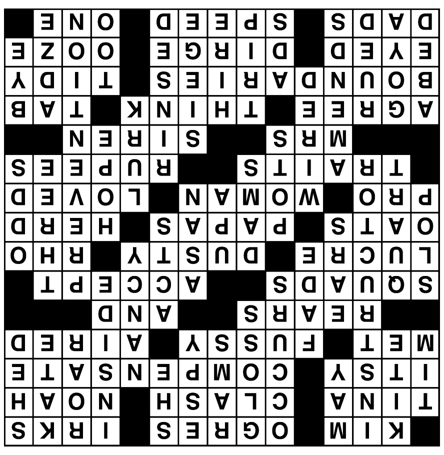
16 "__ Bitsy Spider"
17 Reimburse
19 Bumped into
20 Persnickety
21 Televised
22 Backsides
24 As well as
25 Small military divisions
27 Agree to take
30 Filthy __; payola
31 Singer Springfield
33 Sorority letter
35 Quaker product
36 Half of a 1960s quartet
37 Group of cattle
38 Paid athlete
39 Lady
40 Was crazy about
41 Personal qualities
43 Calcutta dollars
44 Wifely title: abbr.
45 Blaring device
46 Concur
49 Use your brain
51 Bar bill
54 Outer limits
56 Neat
57 Watched
58 Funeral hymn
59 Flow out slowly
60 June honorees
61 Miles per hour
62 1/3 and 2/3

DOWN
1 Flying toy
2 Teacher
3 Four months from now
4 Happens
5 Surface luster
6 NFL team
7 Observe
8 That woman
9 Go __ of; enter
10 Loud crowd noise
11 "Kiss Me, __"; Tony winner
12 Very small building
13 Allen or Conway
18 Mrs. Reagan
20 __ away; disappear
23 Mr. Potato Head pieces
24 Doesn't just sit there
25 Make a mess at table
26 Motor oil bottle size
27 As straight __ arrow
28 Healthy-lifestyle magazine
29 Afternoon hour
31 Water barriers
32 "__ Lazy River"
34 Likelihood
36 Cauldrons
37 Faith, __ and charity
39 Did an electrician's job
40 Hide in the shadows
42 Turns over a new leaf
43 Washed off shampoo
45 Prolonged battle
46 Sick __; laid up
47 Noted Spanish artist
48 Felt remorse about
49 Stumble
50 Employ
52 Woodworking tool
53 "See ya!"
55 Billboards
56 "It's __ Late"; Carole King hit

Solutions



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 27): Write, record and share this year. Develop personal ambitions with consistent practice and engagement. Making winter domestic changes supports surging creative productivity this spring. A summer career shift reveals hidden potential for exciting educational investigations next autumn. Take your creative work to the next level.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Don't reveal your secrets all at once, with Venus in Pisces. Maintain a mystery. Fantasies abound. Allow yourself more quiet time. Complete projects and recharge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Participate in a public conversation. You're especially popular, with Venus in Pisces for a month. Talk about what you love. Find the common threads.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Social connections benefit you professionally. Take care of business over the next month, with Venus in Pisces. Develop and harvest lucrative career opportunities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Set goals, and plan your next adventure. Travel, explore and study over the next month, with Venus in Pisces. Investigate possibilities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. You're building together for the future. Review family finances this month, with Venus in Pisces. Find inventive ways to collaborate for growth.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Partnerships flow with greater ease this month, with Venus in Pisces. Collaborate on creative projects. Romance kindles naturally.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Practice to grow skills and endurance over the next month. Strength, beauty and health flowers, with Venus in Pisces. Get your heart pumping.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Discuss romantic dreams and they may come true. You're especially lucky in love this month, with Venus in Pisces. Share your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Clean, sort and organize. Your home and garden flower this month, with Venus in Pisces. Focus on family. Beautify spaces with simple touches.

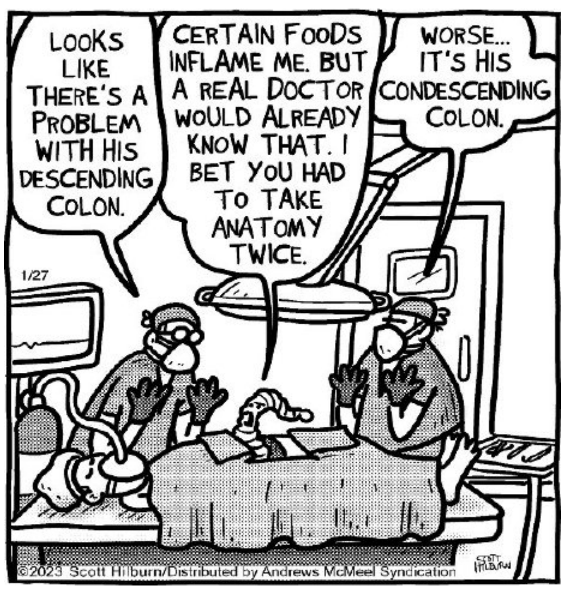
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You love learning this month, with Venus in Pisces. You're especially brilliant. Words flow with ease, so take advantage. Write and issue communications.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Gather new income. The next month, with Venus in Pisces, offers extra profits. Put together lucrative deals. Put love into your work. Demand rises.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. You feel especially beloved this month, with Venus in your sign. Add some glamor to your personal style. You're especially charismatic, attractive and charming.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn


LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH HIS DESCENDING COLON.
CERTAIN FOODS INFLAME ME. BUT A REAL DOCTOR WOULD ALREADY KNOW THAT. I BET YOU HAD TO TAKE ANATOMY TWICE.
WORSE... IT'S HIS CONDESCENDING COLON.
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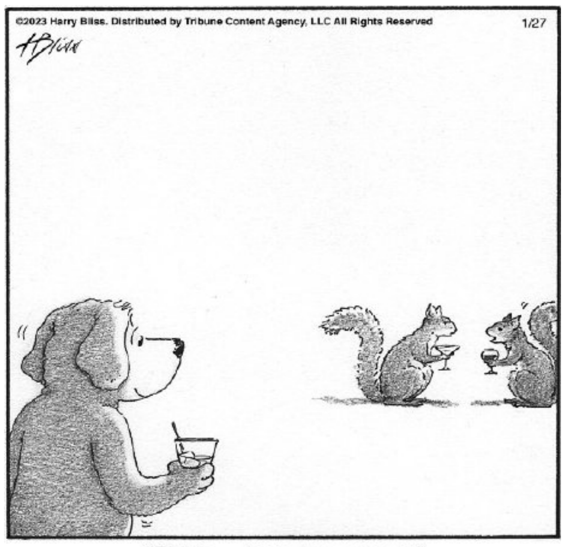
Bliss By Harry Bliss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"Shhh ... here he comes."

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

North
♠ J 10 5 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A 7 4

West
♠ 8
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K Q 10 5 3

East
♠ 6 2
♥ Q J 10 9 6
♦ Q J 7
♣ 9 8 6

South
♠ A K Q 9 7 3
♥ K 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ J 2

West led the king of clubs and South took a minute to study the dummy. There were nine top tricks and South had to find a tenth. The king of hearts would be a trick if East held the ace, but West's takeout double indicated that West was more likely to hold that card. A 3-3 diamond split would also provide a tenth trick, but the diamond trick would have to be developed without losing the lead to East. East, of course, would lead a heart through the king if he got on lead. South came up with a clever line of play that combined his chances.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

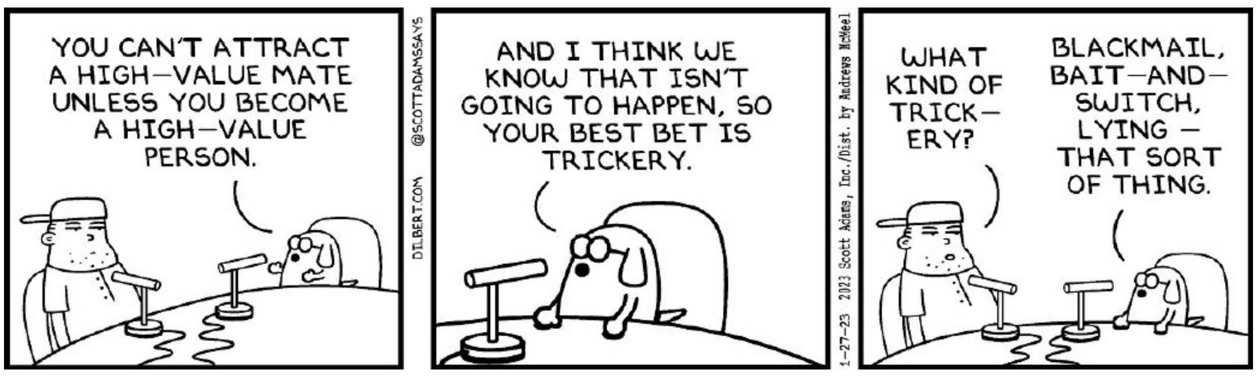
Opening lead: King of ♣

South ducked the opening club lead and West shifted accurately to the 10 of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace and led a spade to his ace. He cashed the king of spades to draw the last trump and led the jack of clubs. West covered with the queen and South played low from dummy! West continued with the nine of diamonds. South won with dummy's king and cashed the ace of clubs, discarding his remaining diamond. He ruffed a diamond, noting the 3-3 split with pleasure.

Declarer crossed back to dummy with a trump and cashed the established long diamond while discarding a low heart. He conceded a heart to the defense and claimed his contract. Had the diamonds not split 3-3, he still would have been able to lead a heart to his king. Very well played!

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Dilbert By Scott Adams


YOU CAN'T ATTRACT A HIGH-VALUE MATE UNLESS YOU BECOME A HIGH-VALUE PERSON.
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AND I THINK WE KNOW THAT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN, SO YOUR BEST BET IS TRICKERY.
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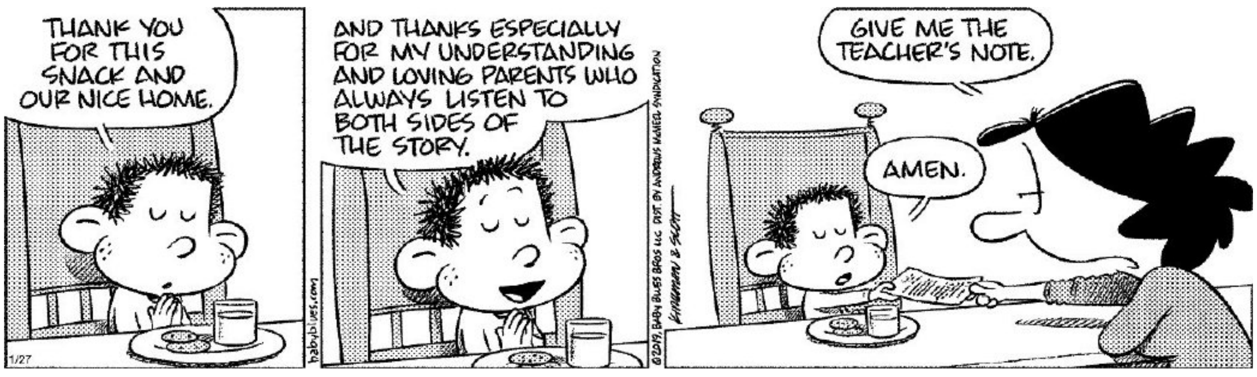
WHAT KIND OF TRICKERY?
BLACKMAIL, BAIT-AND-SWITCH, LYING - THAT SORT OF THING.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until January 30. Please enjoy this strip from 2019.)


THANK YOU FOR THIS SNACK AND OUR NICE HOME.
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AND THANKS ESPECIALLY FOR MY UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING PARENTS WHO ALWAYS LISTEN TO BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY.
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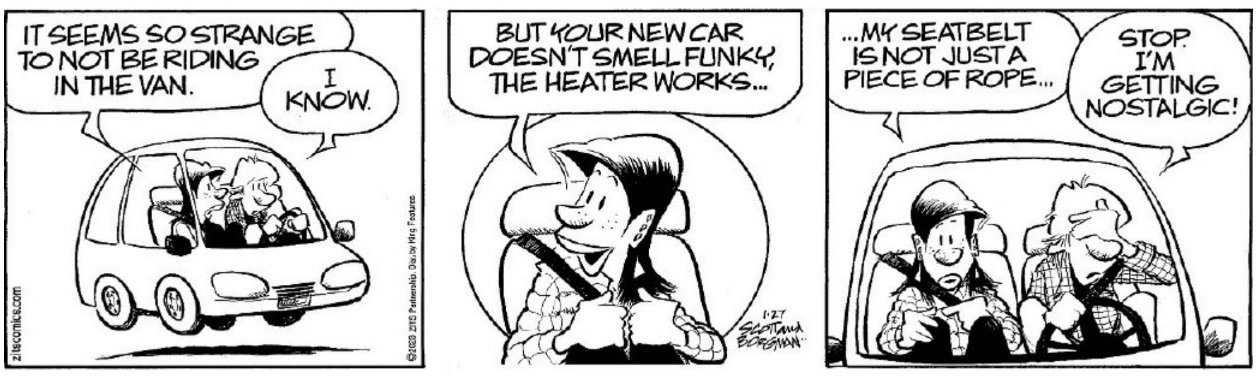
KIRKMAN & SCOTT
GIVE ME THE TEACHER'S NOTE.
AMEN.

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


IT SEEMS SO STRANGE TO NOT BE RIDING IN THE VAN.
I KNOW.
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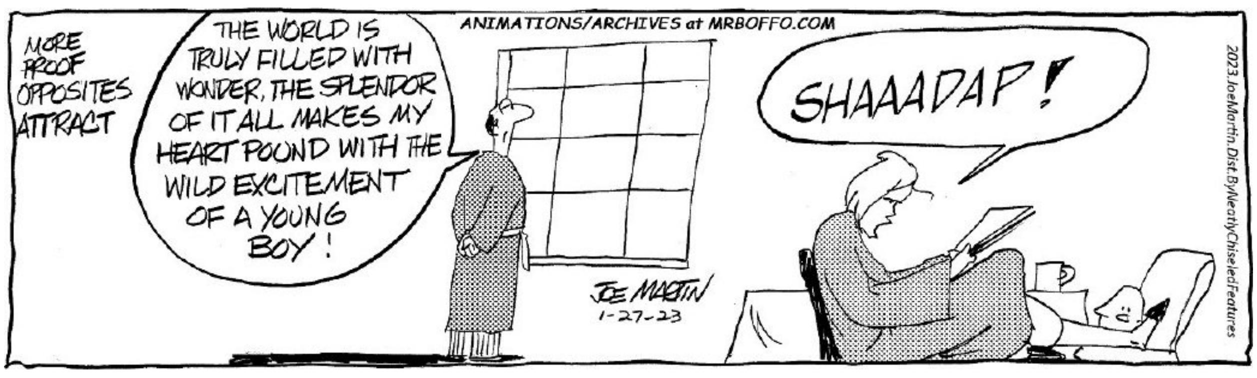
BUT YOUR NEW CAR DOESN'T SMELL FUNKY, THE HEATER WORKS...
1-27 SCOTT and BORGMAN
...MY SEATBELT IS NOT JUST A PIECE OF ROPE...
STOP. I'M GETTING NOSTALGIC!

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


MORE PROOF OPPOSITES ATTRACT
THE WORLD IS TRULY FILLED WITH WONDER, THE SPLENDOR OF IT ALL MAKES MY HEART POUND WITH THE WILD EXCITEMENT OF A YOUNG BOY!
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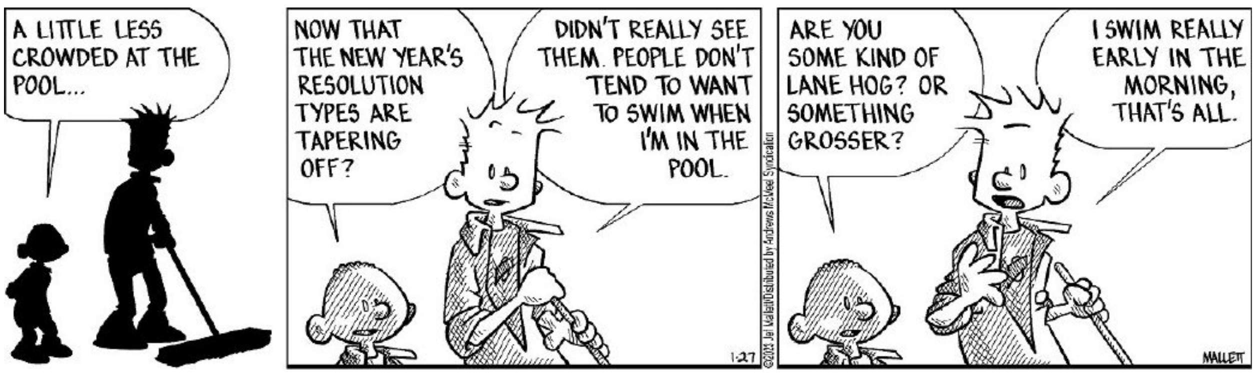
Frazz By Jef Mallett


A LITTLE LESS CROWDED AT THE POOL...
NOW THAT THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TYPES ARE TAPERING OFF?
DIDN'T REALLY SEE THEM. PEOPLE DON'T TEND TO WANT TO SWIM WHEN I'M IN THE POOL.
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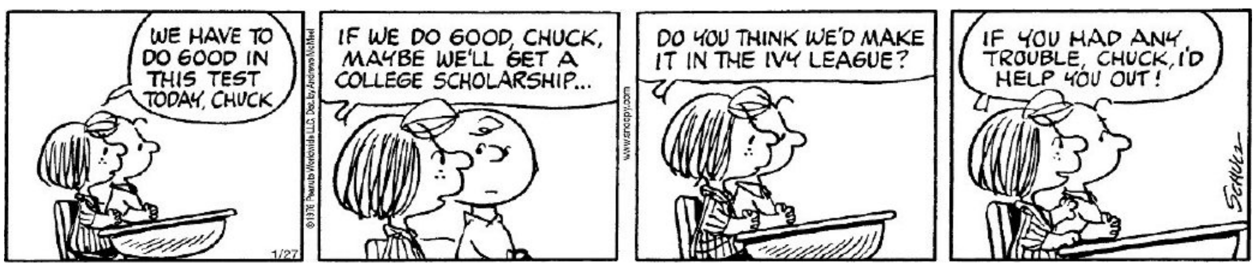
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF LANE HOG? OR SOMETHING GROSSER?
I SWIM REALLY EARLY IN THE MORNING, THAT'S ALL.
MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz


WE HAVE TO DO GOOD IN THIS TEST TODAY, CHUCK
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IF WE DO GOOD, CHUCK, MAYBE WE'LL GET A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP...
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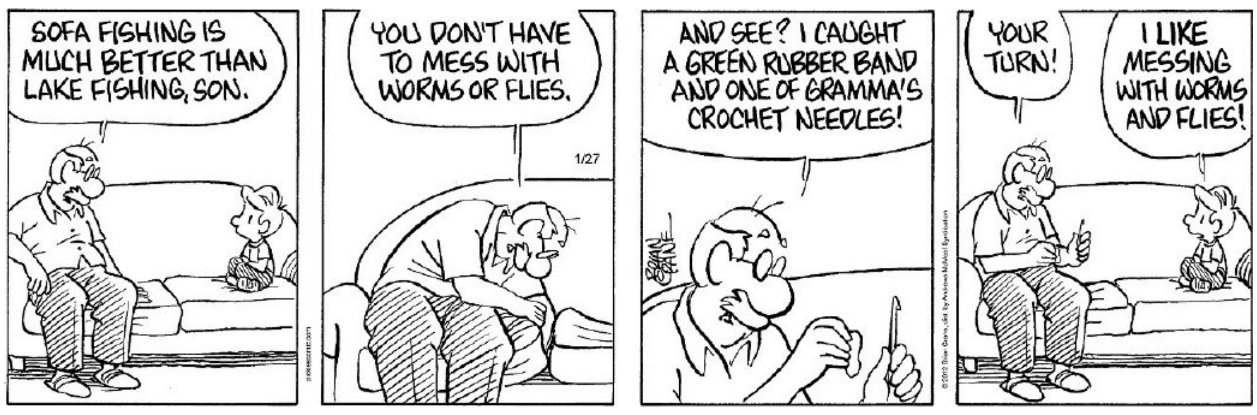
DO YOU THINK WE'D MAKE IT IN THE IVY LEAGUE?
IF YOU HAD ANY TROUBLE, CHUCK, I'D HELP YOU OUT!
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane


SOFA FISHING IS MUCH BETTER THAN LAKE FISHING, SON.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MESS WITH WORMS OR FLIES.
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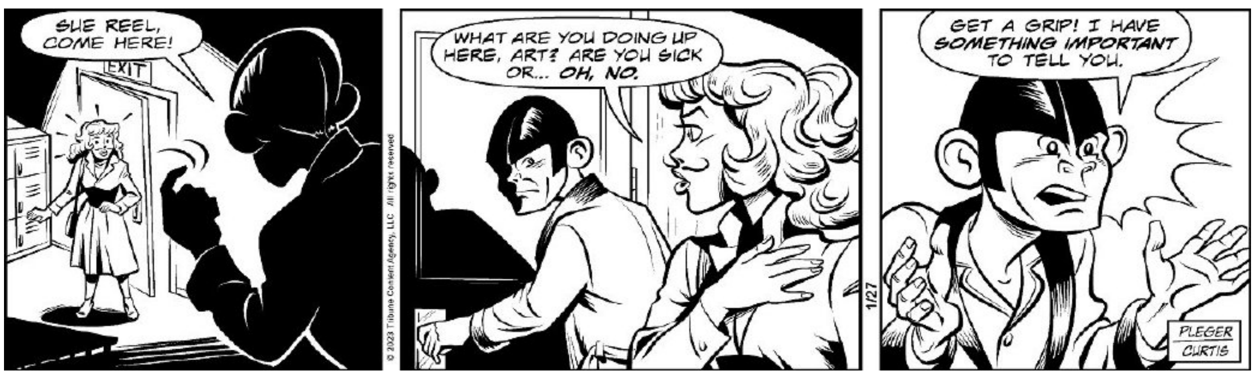
AND SEE? I CAUGHT A GREEN RUBBER BAND AND ONE OF GRAMMA'S CROCHET NEEDLES!
BRIAN CRANE
YOUR TURN!
I LIKE MESSING WITH WORMS AND FLIES!

Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis


SUE REEL, COME HERE!
EXIT
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE, ART? ARE YOU SICK OR... OH, NO.
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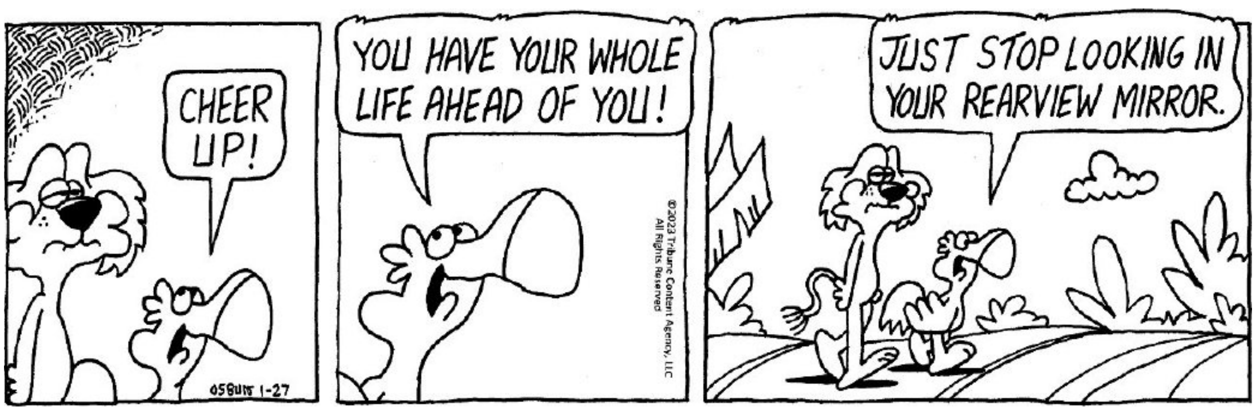
GET A GRIP! I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU.
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


CHEER UP!
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YOU HAVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF YOU!
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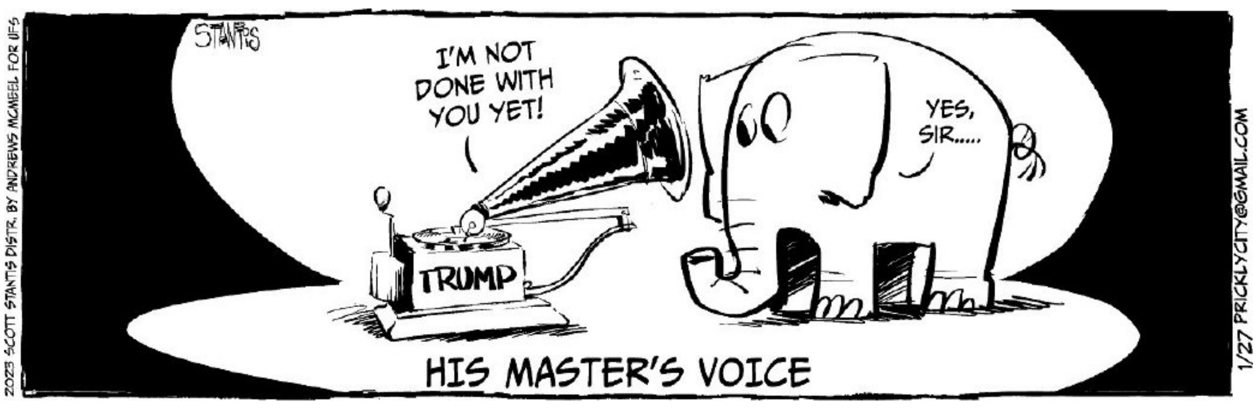
JUST STOP LOOKING IN YOUR REARVIEW MIRROR.

Prickly City By Scott Stantis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I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET!
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YES, SIR.....
HIS MASTER'S VOICE
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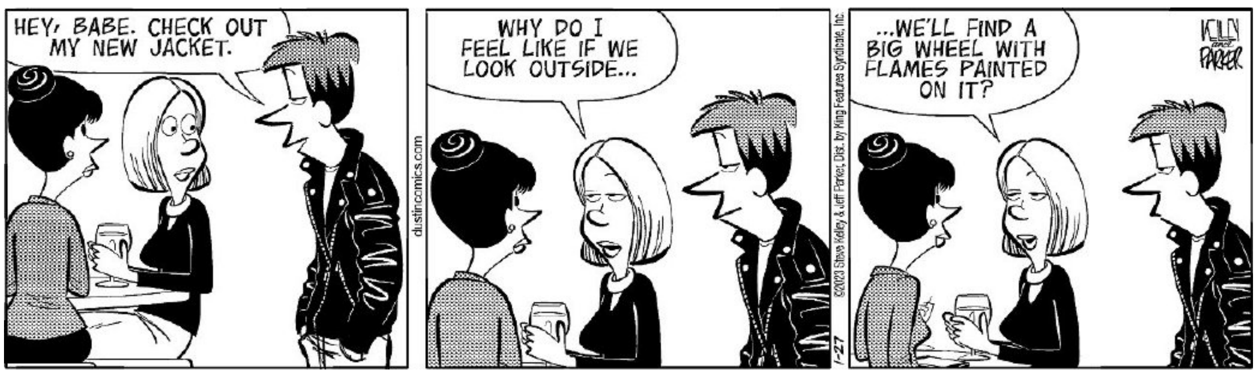
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


HEY, BABE. CHECK OUT MY NEW JACKET.
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE IF WE LOOK OUTSIDE...
...WE'LL FIND A BIG WHEEL WITH FLAMES PAINTED ON IT?
KELLEY and PARKER
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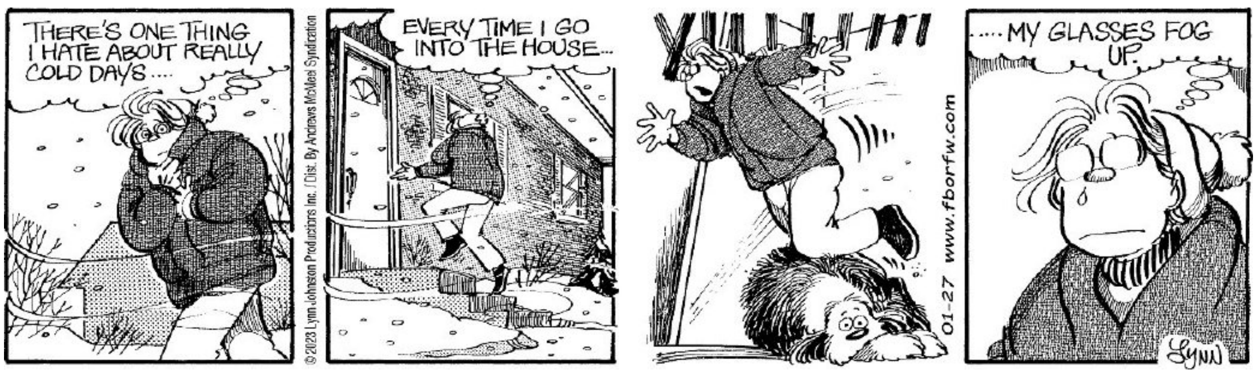
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


THERE'S ONE THING I HATE ABOUT REALLY COLD DAYS....
EVERY TIME I GO INTO THE HOUSE...
....MY GLASSES FOG UP.
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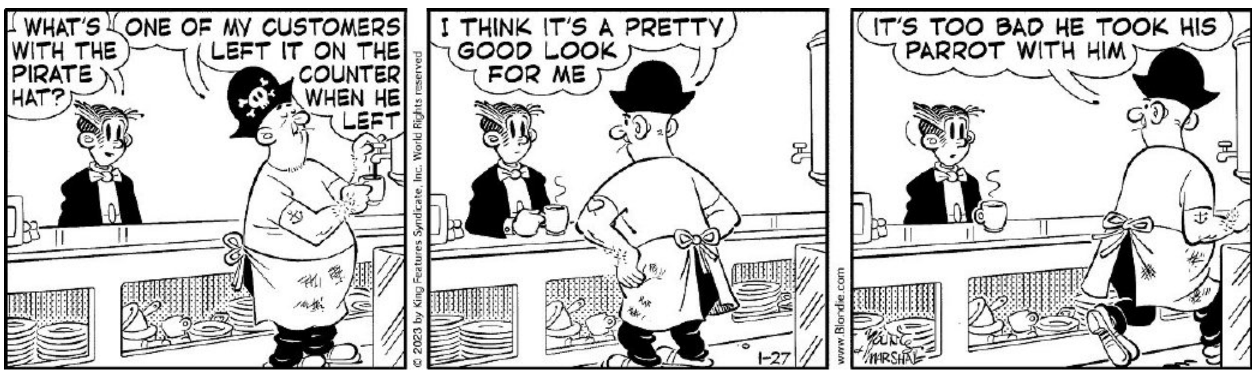
WHAT'S WITH THE PIRATE HAT?
ONE OF MY CUSTOMERS LEFT IT ON THE COUNTER WHEN HE LEFT
I THINK IT'S A PRETTY GOOD LOOK FOR ME
IT'S TOO BAD HE TOOK HIS PARROT WITH HIM
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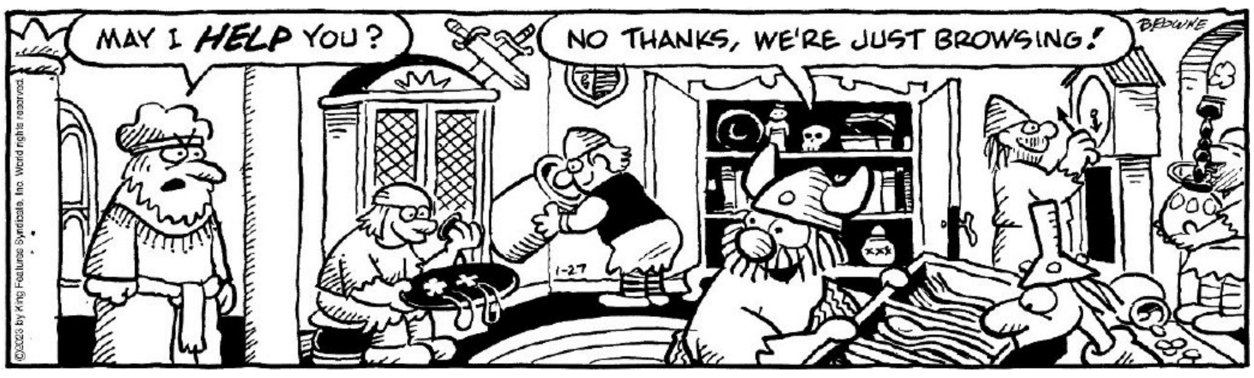
YOUNG MARSHALL

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


MAY I HELP YOU?
NO THANKS, WE'RE JUST BROWSING!
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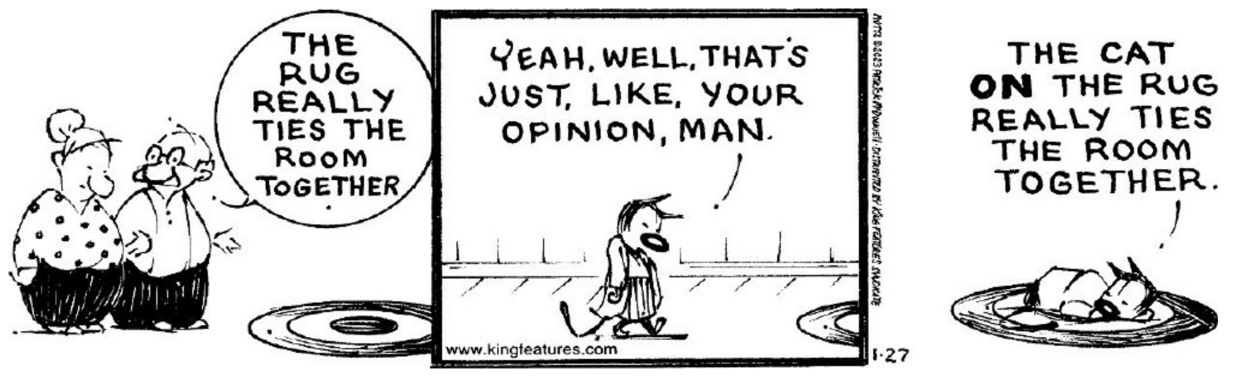
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


THE RUG REALLY TIES THE ROOM TOGETHER
YEAH, WELL, THAT'S JUST, LIKE, YOUR OPINION, MAN.
THE CAT ON THE RUG REALLY TIES THE ROOM TOGETHER.
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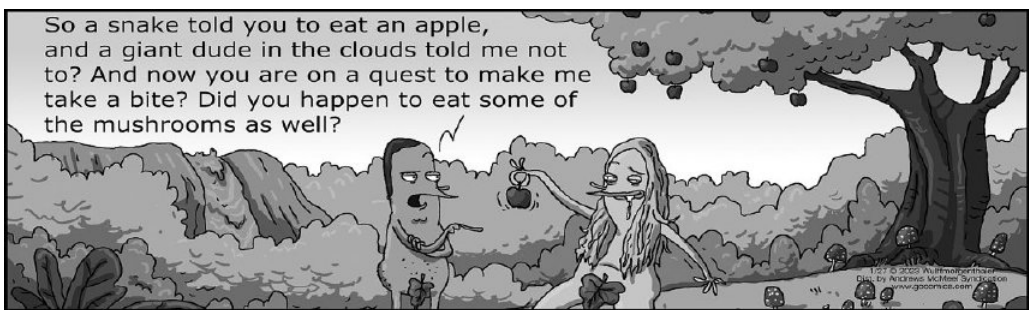
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


So a snake told you to eat an apple, and a giant dude in the clouds told me not to? And now you are on a quest to make me take a bite? Did you happen to eat some of the mushrooms as well?
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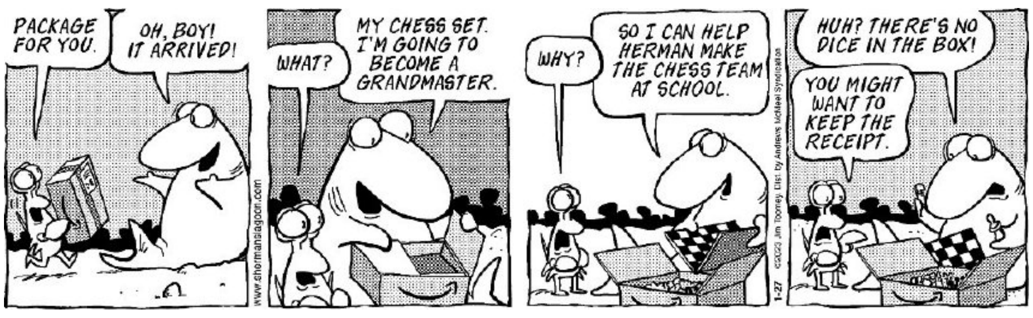
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


PACKAGE FOR YOU.
OH, BOY! IT ARRIVED!
WHAT?
MY CHESS SET. I'M GOING TO BECOME A GRANDMASTER.
WHY?
SO I CAN HELP HERMAN MAKE THE CHESS TEAM AT SCHOOL.
HUH? THERE'S NO DICE IN THE BOX!
YOU MIGHT WANT TO KEEP THE RECEIPT.
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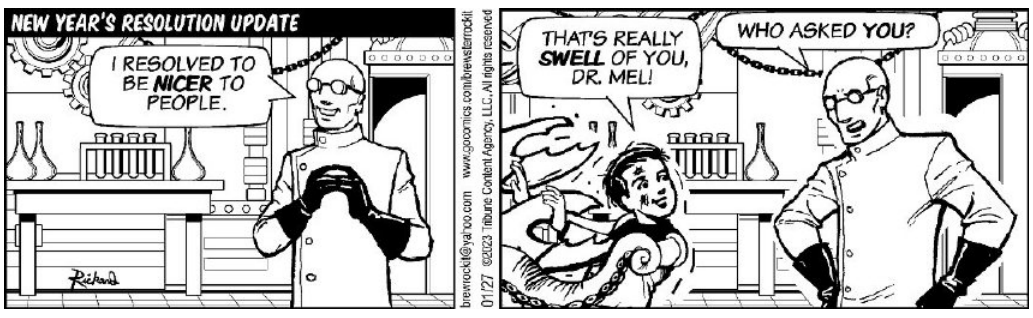
Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION UPDATE
I RESOLVED TO BE NICER TO PEOPLE.
THAT'S REALLY SWELL OF YOU, DR. MEL!
WHO ASKED YOU?
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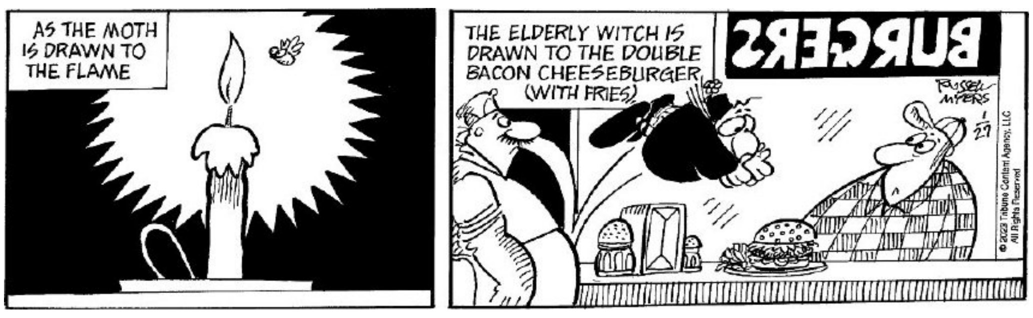
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


AS THE MOTH IS DRAWN TO THE FLAME
THE ELDERLY WITCH IS DRAWN TO THE DOUBLE BACON CHEESEBURGER (WITH FRIES)
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Trivia Bits

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A) Agricultural research
B) Broadcast media
C) Children's literature
D) Civil engineering

Thursday's answer: Triceratops comes from the Greek for "three-horned face."

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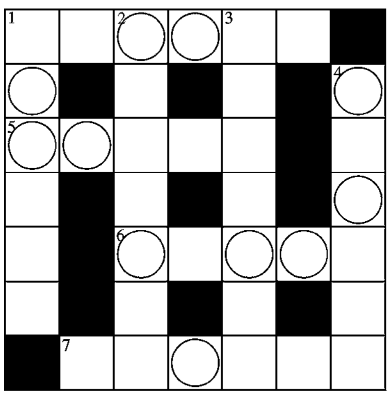
Jumble Crossword



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Ode, ballad	NETONS
5. ____ card	DBTIE
6. Promote, praise	ETLXA
7. Sew together	SICTTH

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ chloride	MIOSUD
2. Most dignified	BLENSTO
3. Remove	RAECXTT
4. Blemish	CTLBHO

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: The Kentucky legislature complained about the historical inaccuracies in this TV show (1964-1970).

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Sonnet 5A-Debit 6A-Exalt 7A-Stitch 1D-Sodium 2D-Noblest 3D-Extract 4D-Blotch B-Daniel Boone

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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	7		5					

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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◀ **Thursday's solutions**

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Jumble

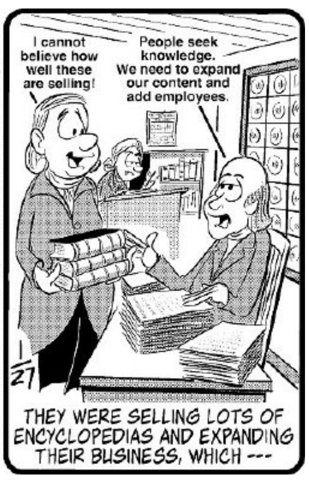
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

VNYEO

PLESL

GAUTEO

KUANSM


I cannot believe how well these are selling!
People seek knowledge. We need to expand our content and add employees.
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THEY WERE SELLING LOTS OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESS, WHICH ---

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Answer here

Thursday's answers

Jumbles: GRAND AGENT PREFIX BEHAVE
Answer: The warning from the ranger about the grizzlies was important enough to — BEAR REPEATING

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Crossword

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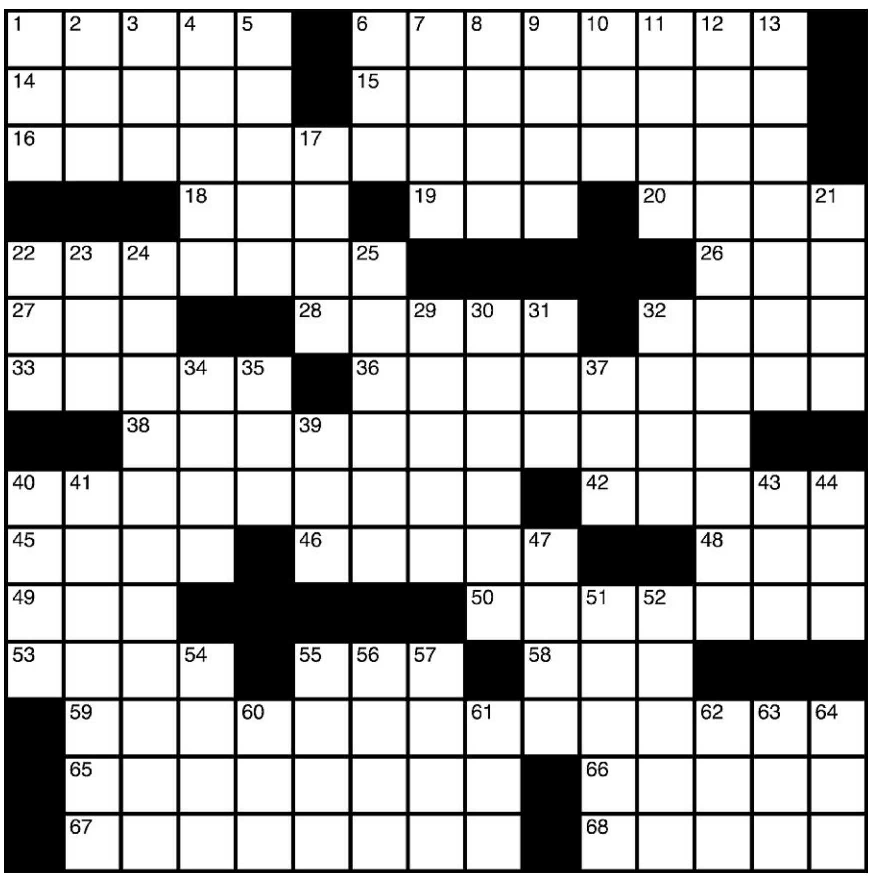

Across

1 Stock holder?
6 South Dakota region
14 __ All: car care brand
15 Collection of Buddhist sculpture, Chinese jades, etc.
16 Specialized work at a confectionary?
18 Application
19 Investigative journalist __ B. Wells
20 Tiff
22 Connecticut home of ESPN studios
26 Nail polish brand with an Always Bare for You collection
27 Prefix with gender
28 Body care brand
32 Tone down
33 Caribbean gastropod
36 Instructor for a monarch?
38 Nickname for Luciano Pavarotti?
40 Estate that went all-out with turquoise paint?
42 Grind together
45 Baking measures
46 Fantasy brutes
48 Loose __
49 Subdivision unit
50 Plead
53 Deep-dish chain, familiarly
55 "And what have we here?"
58 Investment option, briefly
59 Vicar who puts the pedal to the metal?
65 Telemarketer's accessory
66 Hard section of a textbook, perhaps
67 Compact cars?
68 Made a big deal of

Down

1 Cul-de-__
2 Letters for Kate Middleton
3 Punk subgenre
4 Place
5 Orchardist's concern
6 "Hey, ewe!"
7 Italian wine region
8 Ran out of juice
9 "Deck the Halls" chorus fragment
10 Political commentator Navarro
11 Catches
12 Worrisome educational statistic
13 Attach, in a way
17 Boxer Spinks
21 Level
22 Email on the q.t.
23 2016 Olympics city
24 Disappoints
25 Preference
29 Energy
30 Item on a menu
31 Medical chart datum
32 Subatomic particle
34 Cartoonist Addams, familiarly
35 Adjustable border
37 "Star Trek" spinoff before "DS9"
39 Steamed bun
40 Org. concerned with privacy laws
41 __ hut
43 "My bounty is as boundless as the __": Juliet
44 Panama, for one
47 Cut a bit
51 Wreck
52 Hoarse
54 Spanish : noche :: Italian : __
55 God who gave up an eye to gain wisdom
56 Shakes a leg, quaintly
57 Second word of many limericks
60 Prefix with gram or graph
61 Comprehend
62 Bit of advice
63 Early afternoon hour
64 Rare color?

Thursday's solution

A	P	P	S	■	H	E	N	S	■	S	I	N	K	S
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I	D	T	A	G	■	S	E	W	S	■	P	S	S	T

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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SUDOKU

Level: 1 2 3 **4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

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8	3	7	6	9	2	4	1	5

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8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
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L	R	H	U
K	E	O	S
P	O	M	N

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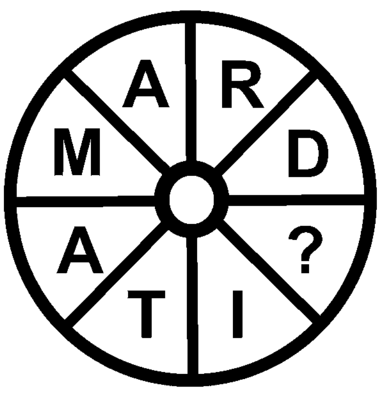
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

DRAMATIC

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: onomatopoeia (sounds)

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

D	Z	E	L	M	H	Y	P	X	Q	C	E	O	R	J	R	H	G
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TV CROSSWORD

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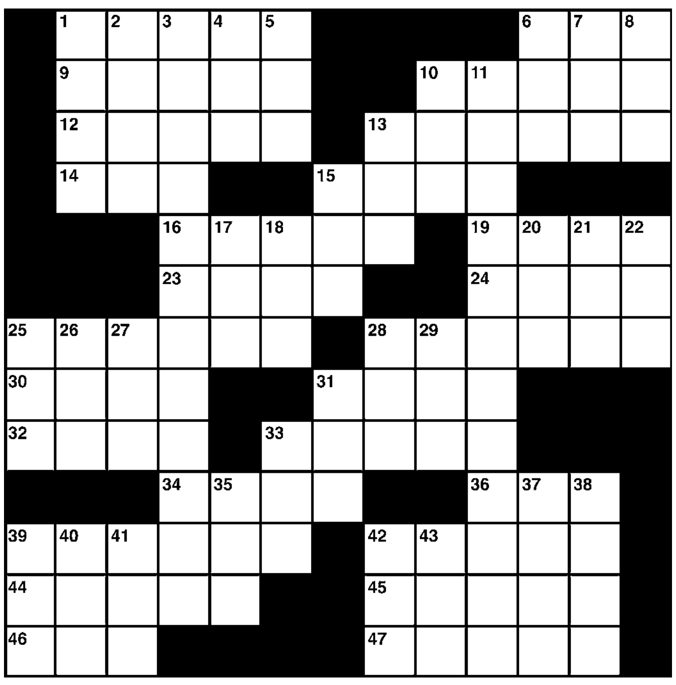

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ACROSS
1 Wallace & Farrell
6 Most famous 1969 bride
9 “__ Which Way but Loose”
10 “The Mod __” (1968-73)
12 Number of seasons for “Family Ties”
13 “The __ Identity”; Matt Damon film
14 “Just __ suspected!”
15 Tim Daly’s sis
16 Dorothy, to Em
19 Adams or Falco
23 Jeff Bridges’ brother
24 Actress Campbell
25 __ Downey Jr.
28 “Barney __”
30 Robert __ of “The Sopranos”
31 Actor Jon __
32 Martin or Cain
33 Leader assassinated in 1981
34 __ Ruzek; “Chicago P.D.” role
36 Bachelor’s last words
39 Stone or Osbourne
42 Morley of “60 Minutes”
44 Teeming crowd
45 “Melrose __”
46 Flock femme
47 E-mail provider for millions

DOWN
1 Small plateau
2 Folk singer Burl
3 “Law & Order” role
4 Before
5 Thesaurus entry: abbr.
6 “Days of __ Lives”
7 Fabray, to friends
8 “__ to Billie Joe”
10 “Sanford and __”
11 Actress on “The Equalizer”
13 Short farewell
15 Univ. in Fort Worth
17 Suffix for boss or class
18 “Please Don’t __ the Daisies”
20 Dover’s state: abbr.
21 “__ Got a Secret”
22 Ending for puppet or command
25 Get __ of; shed
26 “Grand __ Opry”
27 Arthur, for one
28 “Chicago __”
29 Ms. Lupino
31 Actor Elliott
33 Laura __ Giacomo
35 Fawn’s mother
37 Art __; style for Erté
38 Nabisco snack
39 “Murder, __ Wrote”
40 “__ I Met Your Mother”
41 “The Kids __ Alright”
42 James Bond or Maxwell Smart
43 So. state

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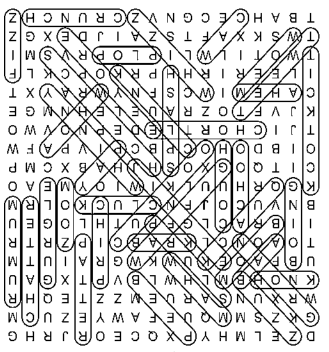

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JUMBLE

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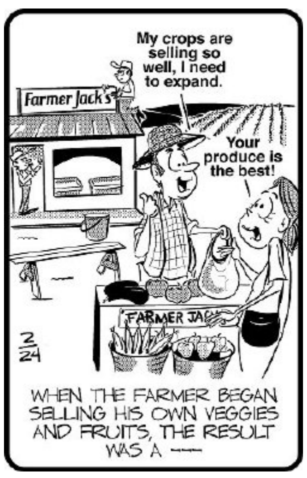
My crops are selling so well, I need to expand.
Farmer Jack's
Your produce is the best!
FARMER JACK
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WHEN THE FARMER BEGAN SELLING HIS OWN VEGGIES AND FRUITS, THE RESULT WAS A —

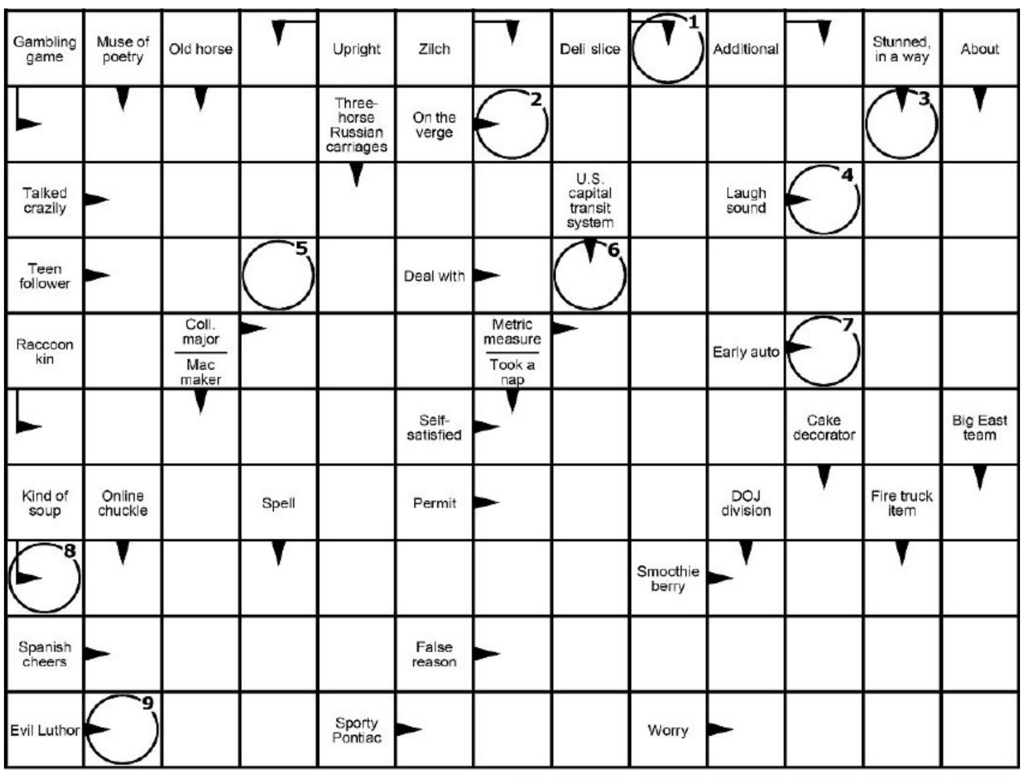
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“○○○○-○○○○” ○○○○○

Jumbles: GOOSE WATCH THEORY BEARER
Answer: When the farmer began selling his own veggies and fruits, the result was a — “GROW-CERY” STORE

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.


Gambling game
Muse of poetry
Old horse
Upright
Zilch
Deli slice
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Additional
Stunned, in a way
About
Three-horse Russian carriages
On the verge
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Talked crazily
U.S. capital transit system
Laugh sound
4
Teen follower
5
Deal with
6
Raccoon kin
Coll. major
Mac maker
Metric measure
Took a nap
Early auto
7
Self-satisfied
Cake decorator
Big East team
Kind of soup
Online chuckle
Spell
Permit
DOJ division
Fire truck item
8
Smoothie berry
Spanish cheers
False reason
Evil Luthor
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Sporty Pontiac
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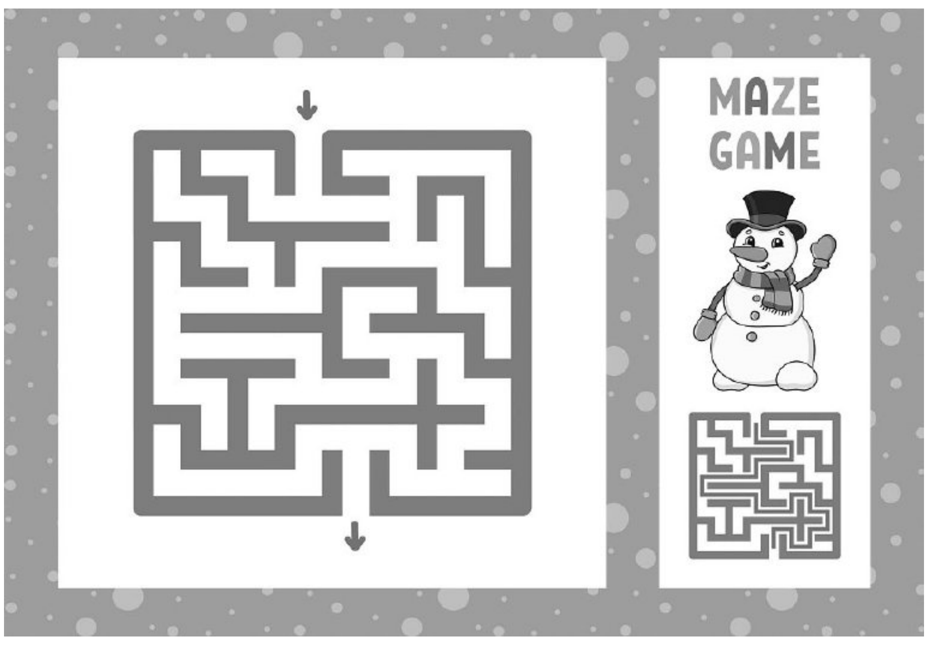

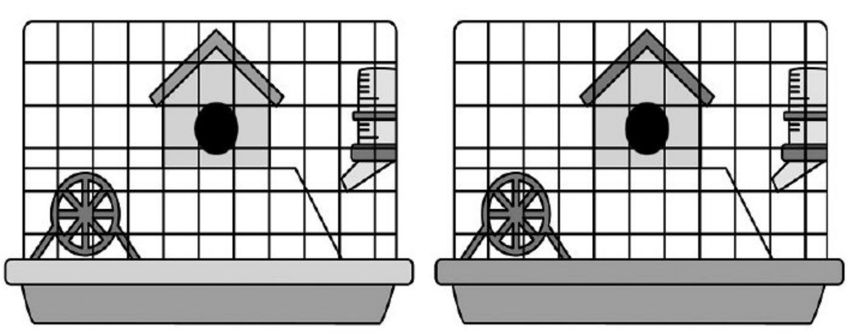
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